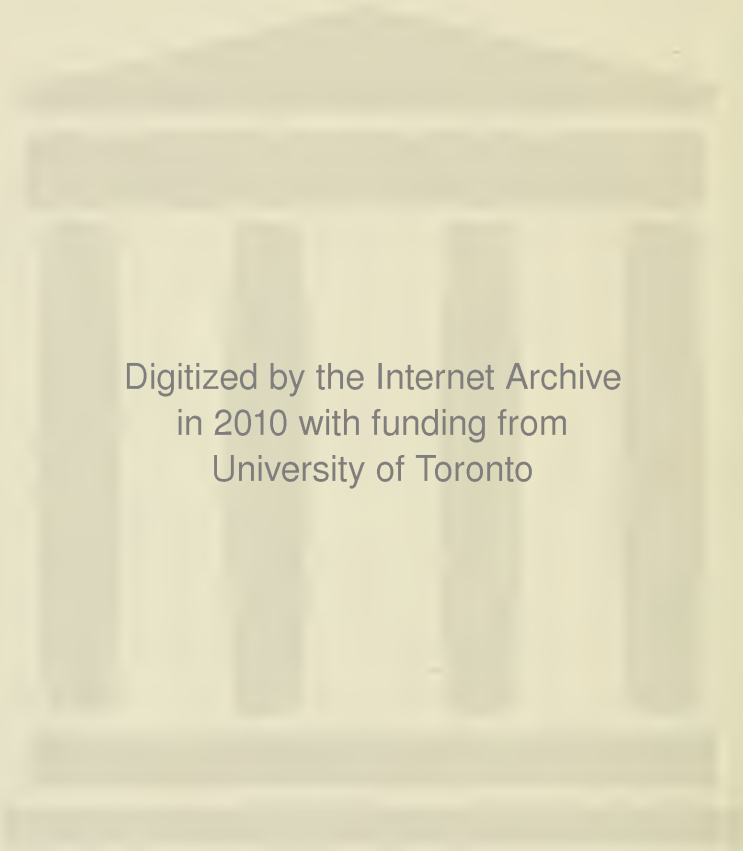




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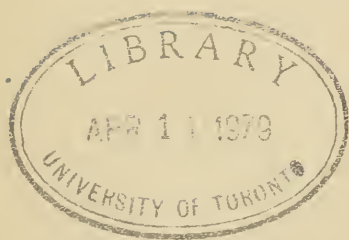
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JOB—THE SONG OF SONGS.

THE
BOOK OF JOB.

- 1 ¹ THERE was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was ¹Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed
² evil. And there were born unto him seven
³ sons and three daughters. His ²substance also ²Or, *cattle*
 was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she-asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest
⁴ of all the children of the east. And his sons went and held a feast in the house of each one upon his day; and they sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with
⁵ them. And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and ³renounced
 God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.
⁶ Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and ⁴Satan came also among them. ³Or, *blasphemed*
⁷ And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and So ver. 11, ch. ii. 5, 9.
⁸ from walking up and down in it. And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job? ⁵Or, *that* for there is none like him in

the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil. Then ⁹ Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? Hast not thou made an ¹⁰ hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath, on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his ¹substance is increased in the land. But put ¹¹ forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will renounce thee to thy face. And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that ¹² he hath is in thy ²power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

And it fell on a day when his sons and his ¹³ daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house, that there came ¹⁴ a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them: and ³the Sabeans fell *upon them*, and ¹⁵ took them away; yea, they have slain the ⁴servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. While ¹⁶ he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the ⁴servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. While he was yet ¹⁷ speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made three bands, and ⁵fell upon the camels, and have taken them away, yea, and slain the ⁴servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. While he was yet speaking, there came ¹⁸ also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house: and, behold, there ¹⁹ came a great wind ⁶from the wilderness, and

¹ Or, *cattle*² Heb. *hand*.³ Heb. *Sheba*.⁴ Heb. *young men*.⁵ Or, *made a raid*⁶ Or, *over*

smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I
 20 only am escaped alone to tell thee. Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and
 21 worshipped; and he said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.
 22 In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God with foolishness.

2 1 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD. And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking
 3 up and down in it. And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job? ¹for there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil: and he still holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against
 4 him, ²to destroy him without cause. And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for
 5 his life. But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will renounce thee to thy face. And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; only
 7 spare his life. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.
 8 And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat among the ashes. Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still hold fast thine integrity? renounce God, and die.

¹ Or, *that*

² Heb. *to swallow him up.*

But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of ¹⁰
¹ Or, *impious* the ¹ foolish women speaketh. What? shall we
 receive good at the hand of God, and shall we
 not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin
 with his lips.

Now when Job's three friends heard of all ¹¹
 this evil that was come upon him, they came
 every one from his own place; Eliphaz the
 Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar
 the Naamathite: and they made an appoint-
 ment together to come to bemoan him and to
 comfort him. And when they lifted up their ¹²
 eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted
 up their voice, and wept; and they rent every
 one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their
 heads toward heaven. So they sat down with ¹³
 him upon the ground seven days and seven
 nights, and none spake a word unto him: for
² Or, *pain* they saw that his ² grief was very great.

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After this opened Job his mouth, and cursed ¹ **3**
 his day. And Job answered and said: ²
 Let the day perish wherein I was born, ³
 And the night which said, There is a man child
 conceived.

Let that day be darkness; ⁴

³ Or, *inquire*
after

Let not God ³ regard it from above,
 Neither let the light shine upon it.

⁴ Or, *deep*
darkness (and
 so elsewhere)

Let darkness and ⁴ the shadow of death claim it ⁵
 for their own;

Let a cloud dwell upon it;

Let all that maketh black the day terrify it.

As for that night, let thick darkness seize upon it: ⁶

⁵ Some ancient
 versions read,
be joined unto.

Let it not ⁵ rejoice among the days of the year;

Let it not come into the number of the months.

⁶ Or, *solitary*

Lo, let that night be ⁶ barren;

Let no joyful voice come therein.

Let them curse it that curse the day, ⁸

Who are ¹ready to rouse up leviathan.

¹ Or, *skilful*

9 Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark :

Let it look for light, but have none ;

Neither let it behold the eyelids of the morning :

10 Because it shut not up the doors of my *mother's* womb,

Nor hid trouble from mine eyes.

11 Why died I not from the ¹womb ?

Why did I not give up the ghost when I came out of the belly ?

12 Why did the knees receive me ?

Or why the breasts, that I should suck ?

13 For now should I have lien down and been quiet ;

I should have slept ; then had I been at rest :

14 With kings and counsellors of the earth,

Which ²built up waste places for themselves ;

² Or, *built solitary piles*

15 Or with princes that had gold,

Who filled their houses with silver :

16 Or as an hidden untimely birth I had not been ;

As infants which never saw light.

17 There the wicked cease from ³troubling ;

³ Or, *raging*

And there the weary be at rest.

18 There the prisoners are at ease together ;

They hear not the voice of the taskmaster.

19 The small and great are there ;

And the servant is free from his master.

20 Wherefore is light given to him that is in misery,

And life unto the bitter in soul ;

21 Which ⁴long for death, but it cometh not ;

⁴ Heb. *wait*.

And dig for it more than for hid treasures ;

22 Which rejoice ⁵exceedingly,

⁵ Or, *unto exultation*

And are glad, when they can find the grave ?

23 *Why is light given* to a man whose way is hid,

And whom God hath hedged in ?

24 For my sighing cometh ⁶before I eat,

⁶ Or, *like my meat*

And my roarings are poured out like water.

¹ Or, *the thing which I feared is come &c.*

² Or, *I was not at ease... yet trouble came*

For ¹the thing which I fear cometh upon me, 25
And that which I am afraid of cometh unto me.
²I am not at ease, neither am I quiet, neither 26
have I rest;
But trouble cometh.

Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and 1 4
said,

If one assay to commune with thee, wilt thou 2
be grieved?

But who can withhold himself from speaking?

Behold, thou hast instructed many, 3

And thou hast strengthened the weak hands.

Thy words have upholden him that was falling, 4

³ Heb. *bowing*.

And thou hast confirmed the ³feeble knees.

⁴ Or, *art grieved*

But now it is come unto thee, and thou ⁴faintest; 5

It toucheth thee, and thou art troubled.

Is not thy fear *of God* thy confidence, 6

And thy hope the integrity of thy ways?

Remember, I pray thee, who *ever* perished, 7
being innocent?

Or where were the upright cut off?

According as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, 8

⁵ Or, *mischief*

And sow ⁵trouble, reap the same.

By the breath of God they perish, 9

And by the blast of his anger are they consumed.

The roaring of the lion, and the voice of the 10
fierce lion,

And the teeth of the young lions, are broken.

The old lion perisheth for lack of prey, 11

And the whelps of the lioness are scattered abroad.

⁶ Heb. *brought by stealth*.

Now a thing was ⁶secretly brought to me, 12
And mine ear received a whisper thereof.

In thoughts from the visions of the night, 13

When deep sleep falleth on men,

Fear came upon me, and trembling, 14

Which made all my bones to shake.

- 15 Then ¹a spirit passed before my face ;
The hair of my flesh stood up.

¹ Or, a breath
passed over

- 16 It stood still, but I could not discern the appearance thereof ;

A form was before mine eyes :

² *There was* silence, and I heard a voice, *saying*,

² Or, I heard
a still voice

- 17 Shall mortal man ³be more just than God ?

Shall a man ⁴be more pure than his Maker ?

³ Or, be just
before God

- 18 Behold, he putteth no trust in his servants ;

And his angels he chargeth with folly :

⁴ Or, be pure
before his
Maker

- 19 How much more them that dwell in houses of clay,

Whose foundation is in the dust,

Which are crushed ⁵before the moth !

⁵ Or, like

- 20 ⁶Betwixt morning and evening they are ⁷destroyed :

⁶ Or, From
morning to
evening

They perish for ever without any regarding it.

- 21 ⁸Is not their tent-cord plucked up within them ?
They die, and that without wisdom.

⁷ Heb. broken
in pieces.

- 5 1 Call now ; is there any that will answer thee ?
And to which of the ⁹holy ones wilt thou turn ?

⁸ Or, Is not
their excellency
which is in
them removed ?

- 2 For vexation killeth the foolish man,
And ¹⁰jealousy slayeth the silly one.

⁹ See ch. xv.
15.

- 3 I have seen the foolish taking root :
But suddenly I cursed his habitation.

¹⁰ Or,
indignation

- 4 His children are far from safety,
And they are crushed in the gate,
Neither is there any to deliver them.

- 5 Whose harvest the hungry eateth up,
And taketh it even out of the thorns,
And ¹¹the snare gapeth for their substance.

¹¹ According to
many ancient
versions,
the thirsty
swallow up.

- 6 For ¹²affliction cometh not forth of the dust,
Neither doth trouble spring out of the ground ;

- 7 But man is born unto trouble,
As ¹³the sparks fly upward.

¹² Or, iniquity
See ch. iv. 8.

- 8 But as for me, I would seek unto God,
And unto God would I commit my cause :

¹³ Heb. the sons
of flame or of
lightning.

Which doeth great things and unsearchable ; 9
 Marvellous things without number :
 Who giveth rain upon the earth, 10
 And sendeth waters upon the fields :
 So that he setteth up on high those that be low ; 11
 And those which mourn are exalted to safety.
 He frustrateth the devices of the crafty, 12
 So that their hands ¹cannot perform their enter-
 prise.
 He taketh the wise in their own craftiness : 13
 And the counsel of the froward is carried head-
 long.
 They meet with darkness in the day-time, 14
 And grope at noonday as in the night.
 But he saveth from the sword ²of their mouth, 15
 Even the needy from the hand of the mighty.
 So the poor hath hope, 16
 And iniquity stoppeth her mouth.
 Behold, happy is the man whom God ³correcteth : 17
 Therefore despise not thou the chastening of the
 Almighty.
 For he maketh sore, and bindeth up ; 18
 He woundeth, and his hands make whole.
 He shall deliver thee in six troubles ; 19
 Yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.
 In famine he shall redeem thee from death ; 20
 And in war from the power of the sword.
 Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the 21
 tongue ;
 Neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when
 it cometh.
 At destruction and dearth thou shalt laugh ; 22
 Neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the
 earth.
 For thou shalt be in league with the stones of 23
 the field ;
 And the beasts of the field shall be at peace
 with thee.

¹ Or, *can per-
form nothing
of worth*

² Heb. *out of
their mouth.*

³ Or,
reproveth

- 24 And thou shalt know that thy tent is in peace ;
 And thou shalt visit thy ¹fold, and ²shalt miss nothing. ¹ Or, habitation
- 25 Thou shalt know also that thy seed shall be great,
 And thine offspring as the grass of the earth. ² Or, shalt not err
- 26 Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age,
 Like as a shock of corn cometh in in its season.
- 27 Lo this, we have searched it, so it is ;
 Hear it, and know thou it ³for thy good. ³ Heb. for thyself.

- 6 ¹ Then Job answered and said,
² Oh that my vexation were but weighed,
 And my calamity laid in the balances together !
³ For now it would be heavier than the sand of the seas :
 Therefore have my words been rash.
- ⁴ For the arrows of the Almighty are within me,
 The poison whereof my spirit drinketh up :
 The terrors of God do set themselves in array against me.
- ⁵ Doth the wild ass bray when he hath grass ?
 Or loweth the ox over his fodder ?
- ⁶ Can that which hath no savour be eaten without salt ?
 Or is there any taste in 'the white of an egg ? ⁴ Or, the juice of purslain
- ⁷ ⁵My soul refuseth to touch *them* ;
 They are as loathsome meat to me. ⁵ Or, What things my soul refused to touch, these are as my loathsome meat
- ⁸ Oh that I might have my request ;
 And that God would grant *me* the thing that I long for !
- ⁹ Even that it would please God to crush me ;
 That he would let loose his hand, and cut me off !
- ¹⁰ Then should I yet have comfort ;
⁶ Yea, I would ⁷exult in pain ⁸that spareth not : ⁶ Or, Though I shrink back
- ⁹For I have not ¹⁰denied the words of the Holy One. ⁷ Or, harden myself
- ¹¹ What is my strength, that I should wait ? ⁸ Or, though he spare not
- ⁹ Or, That ¹⁰ Or, concealed

And what is mine end, that I should be patient ?
Is my strength the strength of stones ? 12

Or is my flesh of brass ?

Is it not that I have no help in me, 13

¹ Or, *sound wisdom*

And that ¹effectual working is driven quite from me ?

To him that is ready to faint kindness *should be* 14
shewed from his friend ;

² Or, *Else might he forsake*
Or, But he forsaketh

²Even to him that forsaketh the fear of the Almighty.

My brethren have dealt deceitfully as a brook, 15

As the channel of brooks that pass away ;

Which are black by reason of the ice, 16

And wherein the snow hideth itself :

³ Or, *shrink*

What time they ³wax warm, they vanish : 17

When it is hot, they are consumed out of their place.

⁴ Or, *The paths of their way are turned aside*

⁴The caravans *that travel* by the way of them 18
turn aside ;

They go up into the waste, and perish.

The caravans of Tema looked, 19

The companies of Sheba waited for them.

They were ashamed because they had hoped ; 20

They came thither, and were confounded.

⁵ Another reading is, *are like thereto.*

For now ye ⁵are nothing ; 21

Ye see a terror, and are afraid.

Did I say, Give unto me ? 22

Or, Offer a present for me of your substance ?

Or, Deliver me from the adversary's hand ? 23

Or, Redeem me from the hand of the oppressors ?

Teach me, and I will hold my peace : 24

And cause me to understand wherein I have erred.

How forcible are words of uprightness ! 25

But what doth your arguing reprove ?

Do ye imagine to reprove words ? 26

⁶ Or, *for the wind*

Seeing that the speeches of one that is desperate are ⁶as wind.

- 27 Yea, ye would cast *lots* upon the fatherless,
 And make merchandise of your friend.
 28 Now therefore be pleased to look upon me ;
¹For surely I shall not lie to your face.
 29 Return, I pray you, let there be no injustice ;
 Yea, return again, ²my cause is righteous.
 30 Is there injustice on my tongue ?
 Cannot my taste discern mischievous things ?
 7 ¹ Is there not a ³warfare to man upon earth ?
 And are not his days like the days of an hireling ?
 2 As a servant that earnestly desireth the shadow,
 And as an hireling that looketh for his wages :
 3 So am I made to possess months of vanity,
 And wearisome nights are appointed to me.
 4 When I lie down, I say,
⁴When shall I arise ? but the night is long ;
 And I am full of tossings to and fro unto the
 dawning of the day.
 5 My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust ;
 My skin ⁵closeth up and breaketh out afresh.
 6 My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle,
 And are spent without hope.
 7 Oh remember that my life is wind :
 Mine eye shall no more see good.
 8 The eye of him that seeth me shall behold me
 no more :
 Thine eyes shall be upon me, but I shall not be.
 9 As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away,
 So he that goeth down to ⁶Sheol shall come up ⁶Or, the grave
 no more.
 10 He shall return no more to his house,
 Neither shall his place know him any more.
 11 Therefore I will not refrain my mouth ;
 I will speak in the anguish of my spirit ;
 I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.
 12 Am I a sea, or a sea-monster,
 That thou settest a watch over me ?
 13 When I say, My bed shall comfort me,

¹ Or, *And it will be evident unto you if I lie*

² Heb. *my righteousness is in it.*

³ Or, *time of service*

⁴ Or, *When shall I arise, and the night be gone ?*

⁵ Or, *is broken and become loathsome*

My couch shall ease my complaint ;
 Then thou scarest me with dreams, 14
 And terrifiest me through visions :
 So that my soul chooseth strangling, 15
 And death rather than *these* my bones.
¹ I loathe *my life* ; I ² would not live alway : 16
 Let me alone ; for my days are ³ vanity.
 What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him, 17
 And that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him,
 And that thou shouldest visit him every morning, 18
 And try him every moment ?
 How long wilt thou not look away from me, 19
 Nor let me alone till I swallow down my spittle ?
⁴ If I have sinned, what ⁴ do I unto thee, O thou 20
⁵ watcher of men ?
 Why hast thou set me as a mark for thee,
 So that I am a burden to myself ?
 And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, 21
 and take away mine iniquity ?
 For now shall I lie down in the dust ;
 And thou shalt seek me diligently, but I shall
 not be.

Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said, 1 **8**
 How long wilt thou speak these things ? 2
 And *how long* shall the words of thy mouth be
like a mighty wind ?
 Doth God pervert judgement ? 3
 Or doth the Almighty pervert justice ?
⁶ If thy children have sinned against him, 4
 And he have delivered them into the hand of
 their transgression :
 If thou wouldest seek diligently unto God, 5
 And make thy supplication to the Almighty ;
 If thou wert pure and upright ; 6
 Surely now he would awake for thee,
 And make the habitation of thy righteousness
 prosperous.

¹ Or, *I waste away*

² Or, *shall*

³ Or, *as a breath*

⁴ Or, *can I do*

⁵ Or, *preserver*

⁶ Or, *If thy children sinned...he delivered &c.*

- 7 And though thy beginning was small,
 Yet thy latter end should greatly increase.
 8 For inquire, I pray thee, of the former age,
 And apply thyself to that which their fathers
 have searched out :
 9 (For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing,
 Because our days upon earth are a shadow :)
 10 Shall not they teach thee, and tell thee,
 And utter words out of their heart ?
 11 Can the ¹rush grow up without mire ?
 Can the ²flag grow without water ?
 12 Whilst it is yet in its greenness, *and* not cut
 down,
 It withereth before any *other* herb.
 13 So are the paths of all that forget God ;
 And the hope of the godless man shall perish :
 14 Whose confidence shall ³break in sunder,
 And whose trust is a spider's ⁴web.
 15 He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not
 stand :
 He shall hold fast thereby, but it shall not endure.
 16 He is green before the sun,
 And his shoots go forth over his garden.
 17 His roots are wrapped ⁵about the heap,
 He beholdeth the place of stones.
 18 If he be destroyed from his place,
 Then it shall deny him, *saying*, I have not seen
 thee.
 19 Behold, this is the joy of his way,
 And out of the ⁶earth shall others spring.
 20 Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man,
 Neither will he uphold the evil-doers.
 21 ⁷He will yet fill thy mouth with laughter,
 And thy lips with shouting.
 22 They that hate thee shall be clothed with shame ;
 And the tent of the wicked shall be no more.

¹ Or, *papyrus*² Or,
*reed-grass*³ Or, *be cut off*⁴ Heb. *house*.⁵ Or, *beside
the spring*⁶ Or, *dust*⁷ Or, *Till
he fill*

9 1 Then Job answered and said,

Of a truth I know that it is so :

2

¹ Or, *For*

¹ But how can man be just ² with God ?

² Or, *before*

³ If he be pleased to contend with him,

3

³ Or, *If one should desire... he could not &c.*

He cannot answer him one of a thousand.

He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength :

4

Who hath hardened himself against him, and prospered ?

Which removeth the mountains, and they know 5
it not,

When he overturneth them in his anger.

Which shaketh the earth out of her place,

6

And the pillars thereof tremble.

Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not ; 7

And sealet up the stars.

Which alone stretcheth out the heavens,

8

⁴ Heb.

high places.

And treadeth upon the ⁴ waves of the sea.

Which maketh the Bear, Orion, and the Pleiades, 9

And the chambers of the south.

Which doeth great things past finding out ; 10

Yea, marvellous things without number.

Lo, he goeth by me, and I see him not : 11

He passeth on also, but I perceive him not.

⁵ Or, *turn him back*

Behold, he seizeth *the prey*, who can ⁵ hinder 12
him ?

Who will say unto him, What doest thou ?

God will not withdraw his anger ;

13

⁶ Or,

arrogancy

See Is. xxx. 7.

The helpers of ⁶ Rahab ⁷ do stoop under him.

How much less shall I answer him,

14

⁷ Or, *did*

And choose out my words *to reason* with him ?

Whom, though I were righteous, yet would I 15
not answer ;

⁸ Or, *him that would judge me*

I would make supplication to ⁸ mine adversary.

If I had called, and he had answered me ;

16

Yet would I not believe that he hearkened unto
my voice.

⁹ Heb. *He who.*

⁹ For he breaketh me with a tempest,

17

And multiplieth my wounds without cause.

He will not suffer me to take my breath,

18

But filleth me with bitterness.

- 19 ¹If *we speak* of the strength of the mighty, ²lo, *he is there!*

And if of judgement, who will appoint me a time?

- 20 Though I be righteous, mine own mouth shall condemn me:

Though I be perfect, ³it shall prove me perverse.

- 21 ⁴I am ⁵perfect; I regard not myself;
→ I despise my life.

- 22 It is all one; therefore I say,
He destroyeth the perfect and the wicked.

- 23 If the scourge slay suddenly,
He will mock at the ⁶trial of the innocent.

- 24 The earth is given into the hand of the wicked:
He covereth the faces of the judges thereof;
If *it be* not *he*, who then is it?

- 25 Now my days are swifter than a ⁷post:
They flee away, they see no good.

- 26 They are passed away as the ⁸swift ships:
As the eagle that swoopeth on the prey.

- 27 If I say, I will forget my complaint,
I will put off my *sad* countenance, and ⁹be of
good cheer:

- 28 I am afraid of all my sorrows,
I know that thou wilt not hold me innocent.

- 29 I shall be condemned;
Why then do I labour in vain?

- 30 If I wash myself ¹⁰with snow water,
And ¹¹make my hands never so clean;

- 31 Yet wilt thou plunge me in the ditch,
And mine own clothes shall abhor me.

- 32 For he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer
him,

That we should come together in judgement.

- 33 There is no ¹²daysman betwixt us,
That might lay his hand upon us both.

- 34 Let him take his rod away from me,
And let not his terror make me afraid:

¹ Or, *If we speak of strength, lo, he is mighty*

² Or, *Lo, here am I, saith he; and if of judgement, Who &c.*

³ Or, *he*

⁴ Or, *Though I be perfect, I will not regard &c.*

⁵ See ch. i. 1.

⁶ Or, *calamity*

⁷ Or, *runner*

⁸ Heb. *ships of reed.*

⁹ Heb. *brighten up.*

¹⁰ Another reading is, *with snow.*

¹¹ Heb. *cleanse my hands with lye.*

¹² Or, *umpire*

Then would I speak, and not fear him ; 35
 For I am not so in myself. \
 My soul is weary of my life ; 1 10
 I will give free course to my complaint ;
 I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.
 I will say unto God, Do not condemn me ; 2
 Shew me wherefore thou contendest with me.
 Is it good unto thee that thou shouldest oppress, 3 \
¹ Heb. *labour*. That thou shouldest despise the 'work of thine
 hands,
 And shine upon the counsel of the wicked ?
 Hast thou eyes of flesh, 4 -
 Or seest thou as man seeth ?
 Are thy days as the days of man, 5
 Or thy years as man's days,
 That thou inquirest after mine iniquity, 6 -
 And searchest after my sin,
 Although thou knowest that I am not wicked ; 7
 And there is none that can deliver out of thine
 hand?
 Thine hands have framed me and fashioned 8
 me
 Together round about ; yet thou dost destroy
 me.
 Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast 9
 fashioned me as clay ;
 And wilt thou bring me into dust again ?
 Hast thou not poured me out as milk, 10
 And curdled me like cheese ?
 Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, 11
 And knit me together with bones and sinews.
 Thou hast granted me life and favour, 12
² Or, *care* And thy 'visitation hath preserved my spirit.
 Yet these things thou didst hide in thine heart ; 13
 I know that this *is* with thee :
 If I sin, then thou markest me, 14
 And thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity.
 If I be wicked, woe unto me ; 15

And if I be righteous, yet shall I not lift up
my head ;

¹ Being filled with ignominy
And looking upon mine affliction.

16 And if *my head* exalt itself, thou huntest me as
a lion :

And again thou shewest thyself marvellous upon
me.

17 Thou renewest thy witnesses against me,
And increasest thine indignation upon me ;

² Changes and warfare are with me.

18 Wherefore then hast thou brought me forth out
of the womb ?

I had given up the ghost, and no eye had seen me.

→ 19 I should have been as though I had not been ;
I should have been carried from the womb to
the grave.

20 Are not my days few ? ³ cease then,
And let me alone, that I may ⁴ take comfort a
little,

21 Before I go whence I shall not return,
Even to the land of darkness and of the shadow
of death ;

22 A land of thick darkness, as darkness *itself* ;
A land of the shadow of death, without any
order,

And where the light is as darkness.

11 ¹ Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and
said,

² Should not the multitude of words be answered ?
And should a man full of talk be justified ?

³ Should thy boastings make men hold their peace ?
And when thou mockest, shall no man make
thee ashamed ?

⁴ For thou sayest, My doctrine is pure,
And I am clean in thine eyes.

⁵ But Oh that God would speak,

¹ Or, *I am
filled with
ignominy, but
look thou...
for it
increaseth :
thou &c.*

² Or, *Host after
host is against
me*

³ Another
reading is, *let
him cease, and
leave me alone.*

⁴ Heb.
brighten up.

And open his lips against thee ;
And that he would shew thee the secrets of 6
wisdom,

¹ Or, *For sound wisdom is manifold*

¹ That it is manifold in effectual working !
Know therefore that God ² exacteth of thee less
than thine iniquity deserveth.

² Or, *remitteth (Heb. causeth to be forgotten) unto thee of thine iniquity*

³ Canst thou by searching find out God ? 7

Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?

³ Or, *Canst thou find out the deep things of God?*

⁴ It is high as heaven ; what canst thou do ? 8

Deeper than ⁵ Sheol ; what canst thou know ?

⁴ Heb. *The heights of heaven.*

The measure thereof is longer than the earth, 9

⁵ Or, *the grave*

And broader than the sea.

⁶ Heb. *call an assembly.*

If he pass through, and shut up, 10

And ⁶ call unto judgement, then who can hinder him ?

For he knoweth vain men : 11

⁷ Or, *and him that considereth not*

He seeth iniquity also, ⁷ even though he consider it not.

⁸ Or, *But an empty man will get understanding, when a wild ass's colt is born a man*

⁸ But vain man is void of understanding, 12

Yea, man is born *as* a wild ass's colt.

If thou set thine heart aright, 13

And stretch out thine hands toward him ;

If iniquity be in thine hand, put it far away, 14

And let not unrighteousness dwell in thy tents ;

Surely then shalt thou lift up thy face without 15
spot ;

Yea, thou shalt be stedfast, and shalt not fear :

For thou shalt forget thy misery ; 16

Thou shalt remember it as waters that are
passed away :

⁹ Or, *arise above*

And *thy* life shall ⁹ be clearer than the noonday ; 17

Though there be darkness, it shall be as the
morning.

And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope ; 18

Yea, thou shalt search *about thee*, and shalt take
thy rest in safety.

Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make 19
thee afraid ;

Yea, many shall make suit unto thee.

- 20 But the eyes of the wicked shall fail,
And ¹they shall have no way to flee,
And their hope shall be the giving up of the
ghost.

¹ Heb. *refuge*
is perished
from them.

- 12 ¹ Then Job answered and said,
² No doubt but ye are the people,
And wisdom shall die with you.
³ But I have understanding as well as you ;
I am not inferior to you :
Yea, who knoweth not such things as these ?
⁴ I am as one that is a laughing-stock to his
neighbour,
A man that called upon God, and he answered
him :

The just, the perfect man is a laughing-stock.

- ⁵ In the thought of him that is at ease there is
contempt for misfortune ;
It is ready for them whose foot slippeth.

- ⁶ The tents of robbers prosper,
And they that provoke God are secure ;

² Into whose hand God bringeth *abundantly*.

- ⁷ But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach
thee ;

² Or, *That*
bring their
god in their
hand

And the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee :

- ⁸ Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee ;
And the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee.

- ⁹ Who knoweth not ³in all these,
That the hand of the LORD hath wrought this ?

³ Or, *by*

- ¹⁰ In whose hand is the soul of every living thing,
And the ⁴breath of all mankind.

⁴ Or, *spirit*

- ¹¹ Doth not the ear try words,
Even as the palate tasteth its meat ?

- ¹² ⁵With aged men is wisdom,
And in length of days understanding.

⁵ Or, *With*
aged men, ye
say, is wisdom

- ¹³ With him is wisdom and might ;
He hath counsel and understanding.

Behold, he breaketh down, and it cannot be built 14
again ;

He shutteth up a man, and there can be no
opening.

Behold, he withholdeth the waters, and they dry 15
up ;

Again, he sendeth them out, and they overturn
the earth.

¹ Or, *sound
wisdom*

With him is strength and ¹effectual working ; 16

The deceived and the deceiver are his.

He leadeth counsellors away spoiled, 17

And judges maketh he fools.

He looseth the bond of kings, 18

And bindeth their loins with a girdle.

He leadeth priests away spoiled, 19

And overthroweth the mighty.

He removeth the speech of the trusty, 20

And taketh away the understanding of the
elders.

He poureth contempt upon princes, 21

And looseth the belt of the strong.

He discovereth deep things out of darkness, 22

And bringeth out to light the shadow of death.

He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them : 23

² Or, *leadeth
them away*

He spreadeth the nations abroad, and ²bringeth
them in.

He taketh away the heart of the chiefs of the 24

³ Or, *land*

people of the ³earth,

And causeth them to wander in a wilderness
where there is no way.

They grope in the dark without light, 25

⁴ Heb. *wander*.

And he maketh them to ⁴stagger like a drunken
man.

Lo, mine eye hath seen all *this*, 1 13

Mine ear hath heard and understood it.

What ye know, *the same* do I know also : 2

I am not inferior unto you.

Surely I would speak to the Almighty. 3

- And I desire to reason with God.
- 4 But ye are forgers of lies,
Ye are all physicians of no value.
- 5 Oh that ye would altogether hold your peace!
And it should be your wisdom.
- 6 Hear now my reasoning,
And hearken to the pleadings of my lips.
- 7 Will ye speak unrighteously for God,
And talk deceitfully for him?
- 8 Will ye ¹respect his person?
Will ye contend for God?
- 9 Is it good that he should search you out?
Or as one ²deceiveth a man, will ye ³deceive him?
- 10 He will surely reprove you,
If ye do secretly ⁴respect persons.
- 11 Shall not his excellency make you afraid,
And his dread fall upon you?
- 12 Your memorable sayings *are* proverbs of ashes,
Your defences *are* defences of clay.
- 13 Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak,
And let come on me what will.
- 14 ⁵Wherefore should I take my flesh in my teeth,
And put my life in mine hand?
- 15 ⁶Though he slay me, yet will I wait for him:
Nevertheless I will ⁷maintain my ways before him.
- 16 ⁸This also shall be my salvation;
⁹For a godless man shall not come before him.
- 17 Hear diligently my speech,
And let my declaration be in your ears.
- 18 Behold now, I have ordered my cause;
I know that I ¹⁰am righteous.
- 19 Who is he that will contend with me?
For now ¹¹shall I hold my peace and give up
the ghost.
- 20 Only do not two things unto me,
Then will I not hide myself from thy face:
- 21 Withdraw thine hand far from me;

¹ Or, shew him
favour

² Or, mocketh

³ Or, mock

⁴ Or, shew
favour

⁵ Or, At all
adventures I
will take &c.

⁶ Or, Behold,
he will slay me;
I wait for him
or, according
to another
reading, I will
not wait
or, I have no
hope

⁷ Heb. argue.

⁸ Or, He

⁹ Or, That

¹⁰ Or, shall
be justified

¹¹ Or, if I
hold my peace,
I shall give up
&c.

And let not thy terror make me afraid.
 Then call thou, and I will answer ; 22
 Or let me speak, and answer thou me.
 How many are mine iniquities and sins? 23
 Make me to know my transgression and my sin.
 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, 24
 And holdest me for thine enemy ?
 Wilt thou harass a driven leaf ? 25
 And wilt thou pursue the dry stubble ?
 For thou writest bitter things against me, 26
 And makest me to inherit the iniquities of my
 youth :
 Thou puttest my feet also in the stocks, and 27
 markest all my paths ;
 Thou drawest thee a line about the soles of my
 feet :

¹ Heb. *And he is like.* ¹ Though I am like a rotten thing that consumeth, 28
 Like a garment that is moth-eaten.

Man that is born of a woman 1 14
 Is of few days, and full of trouble.

² Or, *withereth* He cometh forth like a flower, and ² is cut down : 2
 He fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.
 And dost thou open thine eyes upon such an one, 3
 And bringest me into judgement with thee ?

³ Or, *Oh that a clean thing could come out of an unclean ! not one can* ³ Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean ? 4
 not one.

Seeing his days are determined, the number of 5
 his months is with thee,
 And thou hast appointed his bounds that he
 cannot pass ;

⁴ Heb. *cease.* Look away from him, that he may ⁴ rest, 6

⁵ Or, *have pleasure in* Till he shall ⁵ accomplish, as an hireling, his day.
 For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, 7
 that it will sprout again,

And that the tender branch thereof will not cease.
 Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, 8
 And the stock thereof die in the ground ;
 Yet through the scent of water it will bud, 9

And put forth boughs like a plant.

10 But man dieth, and ¹wasteth away :

¹ Or, *lieth low*

Yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he ?

11 ²As the waters ³fail from the sea,

² See Is. xix. 5.

And the river decayeth and drieth up ;

³ Heb. *are gone.*

12 So man lieth down and riseth not :

Till the heavens be no more, they shall not
awake,

Nor be roused out of their sleep.

13 Oh that thou wouldest hide me in ⁴Sheol,

⁴ Or, *the grave*

That thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy
wrath be past,

That thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and
remember me !

14 If a man die, shall he live *again* ?

All the days of my warfare ⁵would I wait,

⁵ Or, *will... shall come*

Till my ⁶release should come.

⁶ Or, *change*

15 ⁷Thou shouldest call, and I would answer thee :

⁷ Or, *Thou shalt call, and I will &c.*

Thou wouldest have a desire to the work of
thine hands.

16 But now thou numberest my steps :

Dost thou not watch over my sin ?

17 My transgression is sealed up in a bag,

And thou fastenest up mine iniquity.

18 And surely the mountain falling ⁸cometh to
nought,

⁸ Heb. *fadeth away.*

And the rock is removed out of its place ;

19 The waters wear the stones ;

The overflowings thereof wash away the dust
of the earth :

And thou destroyest the hope of man.

20 Thou prevailest for ever against him, and he
passeth ;

Thou changest his countenance, and sendest
him away.

21 His sons come to honour, and he knoweth it not ;
And they are brought low, but he perceiveth
it not of them.

¹ Or, *Only for himself his flesh hath pain, and for himself his soul mourneth*

¹ But his flesh upon him hath pain,
And his soul within him mourneth.

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Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and **15**
said,

² Heb.
knowledge of wind.

Should a wise man make answer with ²vain ²knowledge,

And fill his belly with the east wind ?

Should he reason with unprofitable talk, **3**

Or with speeches wherewith he can do no good ?

Yea, thou doest away with fear, **4**

³ Heb.
diminisheth.

And ³restrainest ⁴devotion before God.

⁴ Or,
meditation

For ⁵thine iniquity teacheth thy mouth, **5**

And thou choosest the tongue of the crafty.

⁵ Or, *thy mouth teacheth thine iniquity*

Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I; **6**

Yea, thine own lips testify against thee.

Art thou the first man that was born ? **7**

Or wast thou brought forth before the hills ?

⁶ Or, *Dost thou hearken in the council*

⁶Hast thou heard the secret counsel of God ? **8**

And dost thou restrain wisdom to thyself ?

What knowest thou, that we know not ? **9**

What understandest thou, which is not in us ?

With us are both the grayheaded and the very **10**
aged men,

Much elder than thy father.

Are the consolations of God too small for thee, **11**

⁷ Or, *Or is there any secret thing with thee ?*

⁷ And the word *that dealeth* gently with thee ?

Why doth thine heart carry thee away ? **12**

And why do thine eyes wink ?

That thou turnest thy spirit against God, **13**

And lettest *such* words go out of thy mouth.

What is man, that he should be clean ? **14**

And he which is born of a woman, that he
should be righteous ?

Behold, he putteth no trust in his holy ones ; **15**

Yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight.

⁸ Or, *that which is*

How much less ⁸one that is abominable and **16**
corrupt,

A man that drinketh iniquity like water !

17 I will shew thee, hear thou me ;

And that which I have seen I will declare :

- 18 (Which wise men have told

From their fathers, and have not hid it ;

- 19 Unto whom alone the land was given,

And no stranger passed among them :)

20 The wicked man travaileth with pain all his days,

¹ Even the number of years that are laid up for the oppressor. ¹ Or, *And years that are numbered are laid up &c.*

21 A sound of terrors is in his ears ;

In prosperity the spoiler shall come upon him :

- 22 He believeth not that he shall return out of darkness,

And he is waited for of the sword :

23 He wandereth abroad for bread, *saying*, Where is it ?

He knoweth that the day of darkness is ready at his hand :

24 Distress and anguish make him afraid ;

They prevail against him, as a king ready to the battle :

25 Because he hath stretched out his hand against God,

And ²behaveth himself proudly against the Almighty ; ² Or, *biddeth defiance to*

26 He runneth upon him with a *stiff* neck,

³With the thick bosses of his bucklers :

27 Because he hath covered his face with his fatness,

And made collops of fat on his flanks ;

28 And he hath dwelt in ⁴desolate cities,

In houses which no man ⁵inhabited,

Which were ready to become heaps.

- 29 He shall not be rich, neither shall his substance continue,

Neither shall ⁶their produce bend to the earth.

30 He shall not depart out of darkness ;

⁴ Heb. *cut off*.

⁵ Or, *would inhabit*

⁶ Or, *their possessions be extended on the earth*

The flame shall dry up his branches,
And by the breath of his mouth shall he go
away.

Let him not trust in vanity, deceiving himself: 31
For vanity shall be his recompence.

¹ Or, *paid in full*

It shall be ¹accomplished before his time, 32
And his branch shall not be green.

He shall shake off his unripe grape as the vine, 33
And shall cast off his flower as the olive.

For the company of the godless shall be barren, 34
And fire shall consume the tents of bribery.

They conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity, 35
And their belly prepareth deceit.

Then Job answered and said, I 16
I have heard many such things: 2

² Or, *Wearisome*
³ Heb. *words of wind.*

² Miserable comforters are ye all.
Shall ³vain words have an end? 3

Or what provoketh thee that thou answerest?
I also could speak as ye do; 4

If your soul were in my soul's stead,
I could join words together against you,
And shake mine head at you.

But I would strengthen you with my mouth, 5
And the solace of my lips should assuage *your*
grief.

⁴ Heb. *what departeth from me?*

Though I speak, my grief is not assuaged: 6
And though I forbear, ⁴what am I eased?

But now he hath made me weary: 7
Thou hast made desolate all my company.

⁵ Or, *shrivelled me up*

And thou hast ⁵laid fast hold on me, *which* is a 8
witness *against me*:

And my leanness riseth up against me, it testi-
fieth to my face.

⁶ Or, *hated*

He hath torn me in his wrath, and ⁶persecuted 9
me;

He hath gnashed upon me with his teeth:
Mine adversary sharpeneth his eyes upon me.

- 10 They have gaped upon me with their mouth ;
They have smitten me upon the cheek reproach-
fully :

They gather themselves together against me.

- 11 God delivereth me to the ungodly,
And casteth me into the hands of the wicked.
12 I was at ease, and he brake me asunder ;
Yea, he hath taken me by the neck, and dashed
me to pieces :

He hath also set me up for his mark.

- 13 His ¹archers compass me round about, ¹ Or, *arrows*
Or, *mighty*
ones
He cleaveth my reins asunder, and doth not
spare ;

He poureth out my gall upon the ground.

- 14 He breaketh me with breach upon breach ;
He runneth upon me like a ²giant. ² Or, *mighty*
man

- 15 I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin,
And have ³laid my horn in the dust. ³ Or, *defiled*

- 16 My face is ⁴foul with weeping,
And on my eyelids is the shadow of death ; ⁴ Or, *red*

- 17 Although there is no violence in mine hands,
And my prayer is pure.

- 18 O earth, cover not thou my blood,
And let my cry ⁵have no *resting* place. ⁵ Or, *have no*
more place

- 19 Even now, behold, my witness is in heaven,
And he that voucheth for me is on high.

- 20 My friends scorn me :

But mine eye poureth out tears unto God ;

- 21 ⁶That he would maintain the right of a man ⁶ Or, *That one*
might plead for
a man with
God, as a son of
man pleadeth
for his
neighbour
with God,
And of a son of man with his neighbour !

- 22 For when a few years are come,
I shall go the way whence I shall not return.

- 17 ¹ My spirit is consumed, my days are extinct,
The grave is *ready* for me.

- 2 Surely there are ⁷mockers with me,
And mine eye abideth in their provocation.

⁷ Heb.
mockery.

- 3 Give now a pledge, be surety for me with thyself ;

Who is there that will strike hands with me?
For thou hast hid their heart from understand- 4
ing :

Therefore shalt thou not exalt *them*.

¹ Heb. *portion*. He that denounceth his friends for a ¹prey, 5
Even the eyes of his children shall fail.

He hath made me also a byword of the people ; 6

² Or, *one in whose face they spit* And I am become ²an open abhorring. 7

Mine eye also is dim by reason of sorrow, 7

And all my members are as a shadow. 8

Upright men shall be astonied at this, 8

And the innocent shall stir up himself against

the godless.

Yet shall the righteous hold on his way, 9

And he that hath clean hands shall wax stronger

and stronger.

But return ye, all of you, and come now : 10

³ Or, *For I find not* ³And I shall not find a wise man among you. 11

⁴ Heb. *possessions*. My days are past, my purposes are broken off, 11

Even the ⁴thoughts of my heart. 12

They change the night into day : 12

⁵ Or, *because of* The light, *say they*, is near ⁵unto the darkness. 13

⁶ Or, *If I hope, Sheol is mine house ;* ⁶If I look for ⁷Sheol as mine house ; 13

I have spread If I have spread my couch in the darkness ;

...I have said If I have said to ⁸corruption, Thou art my 14

now is my hope ? father ;

⁷ Or, *the grave* To the worm, *Thou art* my mother, and my

⁸ Or, *the pit* sister ; 15

Where then is my hope ? 15

And as for my hope, who shall see it ? 16

It shall go down to the bars of ⁷Sheol, 16

When once there is rest in the dust.

Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said, 1 18

How long will ye lay snares for words? 2

Consider, and afterwards we will speak.

Wherefore are we counted as beasts, 3

And are become unclean in your sight ?

- 4 Thou that tearest thyself in thine anger,
 Shall the earth be forsaken for thee?
 Or shall the rock be removed out of its place?
 - 5 Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out,
 And the ¹spark of his fire shall not shine. ¹ Or, *flame*
 6 The light shall be dark in his tent,
 And his lamp ²above him shall be put out. ² Or, *beside*
 7 The steps of his strength shall be straitened,
 And his own counsel shall cast him down.
 8 For he is cast into a net by his own feet,
 And he walketh upon the toils.
 9 A gin shall take *him* by the heel,
 And a snare shall lay hold on him.
 10 A noose is hid for him in the ground,
 And a trap for him in the way.
 11 Terrors shall make him afraid on every side,
 And shall chase him at his heels.
 12 His strength shall be hungerbitten,
 And calamity shall be ready ³for his halting. ³ Or, *at his side*
 13 It shall devour the ⁴members of his body,
 Yea, the firstborn of death shall devour his ⁴ Heb. *bars of his skin.*
 members.
 14 He shall be rooted out of his tent wherein he
 trusteth;
 And ⁵he shall be brought to the king of terrors. ⁵ Heb. *it shall (or thou shalt) bring him.*
 15 ⁶There shall dwell in his tent that which is none
 of his : ⁶ Or, *It shall dwell in his tent, that it be no more his or, because it is none of his*
 Brimstone shall be scattered upon his habitation. ⁷ Or, *wither*
 16 His roots shall be dried up beneath,
 And above shall his branch ⁷be cut off.
 17 His remembrance shall perish from the earth,
 And he shall have no name in the street.
 18 He shall be driven from light into darkness,
 And chased out of the world.
 19 He shall have neither son nor son's son among
 his people, ⁸ Or, *They that dwell in the west are... as they that dwell in the east are &c.*
 Nor any remaining where he sojourned.
 20 ⁸They that come after shall be astonished at his day,

¹ Heb. *laid
hold on horror.*

As they that went before ¹were affrighted.
Surely such are the dwellings of the unrighteous, ²¹
And this is the place of him that knoweth not
God.

Then Job answered and said, 1 ¹ 19
How long will ye vex my soul, 2
And break me in pieces with words?
These ten times have ye reproached me: 3
Ye are not ashamed that ye deal hardly with
me.

And be it indeed that I have erred, 4
Mine error remaineth with myself.

² Or, *Will ye
indeed...
reproach?*

² If indeed ye will magnify yourselves against me, ⁵
And plead against me my reproach:

³ Or, *over-
thrown me*

Know now that God hath ³subverted me *in my* ⁶
cause,

And hath compassed me with his net.

⁴ Or, *cry out,
Violence!*

Behold, I ⁴cry out of wrong, but I am not heard: ⁷
I cry for help, but there is no judgement.

He hath fenced up my way that I cannot pass, ⁸
And hath set darkness in my paths.

He hath stripped me of my glory, 9
And taken the crown from my head.

He hath broken me down on every side, and ¹⁰
I am gone:

And mine hope hath he plucked up like a tree.

He hath also kindled his wrath against me, 11
And he counteth me unto him as *one of* his
adversaries.

His troops come on together, and cast up their ¹²
way against me,

And encamp round about my tent.

He hath put my brethren far from me, 13
And mine acquaintance are wholly estranged
from me.

My kinsfolk have failed, 14
And my familiar friends have forgotten me.

15 They that ¹dwell in mine house, and my maids, ¹ Or, *sojourn*
count me for a stranger :

I am an alien in their sight.

16 I call unto my servant, and he giveth me no
answer,

Though I intreat him with my mouth.

17 My breath is strange to my wife,
And ²my supplication to the children ³of my ² Or, *I make*
supplication
Or, I am
loathsome
mother's womb. ³ Or, *of my*
body

18 Even young children despise me ;

If I arise, they speak against me.

19 All ⁴my inward friends abhor me :

And they whom I loved are turned against me. ⁴ Heb. *the*
men of my
council.

20 My bone cleaveth to my skin and to my flesh,
And I am escaped with the skin of my teeth.

21 Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye
my friends ;

For the hand of God hath touched me.

22 Why do ye persecute me as God,
And are not satisfied with my flesh ?

23 Oh that my words were now written !
Oh that they were inscribed in a book !

24 That with an iron pen and lead
They were graven in the rock for ever !

25 ⁵But I know that my ⁶redeemer liveth,
And that he shall stand up at the last upon the ⁷earth : ⁵ Or, *For*
⁶ Or,
vindicator
Heb. goel.
⁷ Heb. *dust.*

26 ⁸And after my skin hath been thus destroyed,
Yet ⁹from my flesh shall I see God :

27 Whom I shall see ¹⁰for myself,

And mine eyes shall behold, and not ¹¹another.
My reins are consumed within me. ⁸ Or, *And*
after my skin
hath been
destroyed, this
shall be, even
from &c.
Or, And
though after
my skin this
body be
destroyed,
yet from &c.

28 If ye say, How we will persecute him ! ⁹ Or, *without*
¹⁰ Or, *on my*
side

¹²Seeing that the root of the matter is found in ¹¹ Or, *as*
a stranger
¹² Or, *And that*
¹³ Many
ancient
authorities
read, *him.*
¹⁴ Or, *wrathful*
are
¹³ me ;

29 Be ye afraid of the sword :

For ¹⁴wrath *bringeth* the punishments of the sword,
That ye may know there is a judgement.

Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and **1 20**
said,

Therefore do my thoughts give answer to me, **2**

¹ Or, *And by reason of this my haste is within me*

¹ Even by reason of my haste that is in me.

I have heard the reproof which putteth me to **3**
shame,

² Or, *But out of my understanding my spirit answereth me*

² And the spirit of my understanding answereth
me.

Knowest thou *not* this of old time, **4**

Since man was placed upon earth,

That the triumphing of the wicked is short, **5**

And the joy of the godless but for a moment ?

Though his excellency mount up to the heavens, **6**

And his head reach unto the clouds ;

Yet he shall perish for ever like his own dung : **7**

They which have seen him shall say, Where is
he ?

He shall fly away as a dream, and shall not be **8**
found :

Yea, he shall be chased away as a vision of the
night.

The eye which saw him shall see him no more ; **9**

Neither shall his place any more behold him.

³ Or, as otherwise read, *The poor shall oppress his children*

³ His children shall seek the favour of the poor, **10**

And his hands shall give back his wealth.

His bones are full of his youth, **11**

But it shall lie down with him in the dust.

Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth, **12**

Though he hide it under his tongue ;

Though he spare it, and will not let it go, **13**

But keep it still within his mouth ;

Yet his meat in his bowels is turned, **14**

It is the gall of asps within him.

He hath swallowed down riches, and he shall **15**
vomit them up again :

God shall cast them out of his belly.

He shall suck the poison of asps : **16**

The viper's tongue shall slay him.

- 17 He shall not look upon the rivers,

The flowing streams of honey and butter.

- 18 That which he laboured for shall he restore, and shall not swallow it down ;

According to the substance ¹that he hath gotten, ¹ Heb. of his exchange.
he shall not rejoice.

- 19 For he hath oppressed and forsaken the poor ;

He hath violently taken away an house, ²and ² Or, which he builded not
he shall not build it up.

- 20 Because he knew no quietness ³within him,

He shall not save aught of that wherein he delighteth. ³ Or, in his greed
Heb. in his belly.

- 21 There was nothing left that he devoured not ;

Therefore his prosperity shall not endure.

- 22 In the fulness of his sufficiency he shall be in straits :

The hand of every one that is in misery shall come upon him.

- 23 ⁴When he is about to fill his belly,

God shall cast the fierceness of his wrath upon him, ⁴ Or, Let it be for the filling of his belly that God shall cast &c.

And shall rain it upon him ⁵while he is eating. ⁵ Or, as his food

- 24 He shall flee from the iron weapon,

And the bow of brass shall strike him through.

- 25 He draweth it forth, and it cometh out of his body :

Yea, the glittering point cometh out of his gall ;
Terrors are upon him.

- 26 All darkness is laid up for his treasures :

A fire not blown *by man* shall devour him ;

⁶It shall consume that which is left in his tent. ⁶ Or, It shall go ill with him that is left

- 27 The heavens shall reveal his iniquity,

And the earth shall rise up against him.

- 28 The increase of his house shall depart,

His goods shall flow away in the day of his wrath.

- 29 This is the portion of a wicked man from God,

And the heritage appointed unto him by God.

- Then Job answered and said, 1 **21**
 Hear diligently my speech; 2
 And let this be your consolations.
 Suffer me, and I also will speak; 3
 And after that I have spoken, ¹mock on.
 As for me, is my complaint ²to man? 4
 And why should I not be impatient?
³Mark me, and be astonished, 5
 And lay your hand upon your mouth.
 Even when I remember I am troubled, 6
 And horror taketh hold on my flesh.
 Wherefore do the wicked live, 7
 Become old, yea, wax mighty in power?
 Their seed is established with them in their sight, 8
 And their offspring before their eyes.
⁴Or, in peace, 9
 without fear Their houses are ⁴safe from fear,
 Neither is the rod of God upon them. 10
 Their bull gendereth, and faileth not;
 Their cow calveth, and casteth not her calf. 11
 They send forth their little ones like a flock,
 And their children dance.
⁵Heb. lift up 12
 the voice. They ⁵sing to the timbrel and harp,
 And rejoice at the sound of the pipe.
 They spend their days in prosperity, 13
⁶Or, the grave And in a moment they go down to ⁶Sheol.
 Yet they said unto God, Depart from us; 14
 For we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.
 What is the Almighty, that we should serve him? 15
 And what profit should we have, if we pray unto
 him?
⁷Or, Ye say, 16
 Lo &c. ⁷Lo, their prosperity is not in their hand :
⁸Or, How oft 17
 is the lamp of the wicked put out, and how
 oft cometh their calamity upon them! God
 distributeth sorrows in his
 anger. They are as stubble...
 away. That their calamity cometh upon them?
 That God distributeth sorrows in his anger?
 That they are as stubble before the wind, 18

And as chaff that the storm carrieth away ?

19 ¹ *Ye say*, God layeth up his iniquity for his children.

Let him recompense it unto himself, that he may know it.

20 Let his own eyes see his destruction,

And let him drink of the wrath of the Almighty.

21 For what pleasure hath he in his house after him,

When the number of his months is cut off in the midst ?

22 Shall any teach God knowledge ?

Seeing he judgeth those that are high.

23 One dieth in his full strength,

Being wholly at ease and quiet :

24 His ²breasts are full of milk,

And the marrow of his bones is moistened.

25 And another dieth in bitterness of soul,

And never tasteth of good.

26 They lie down alike in the dust,

And the worm covereth them.

27 Behold, I know your thoughts,

And the devices which ye wrongfully imagine against me.

28 For ye say, Where is the house of the prince ?

And where is the tent wherein the wicked dwelt ?

29 Have ye not asked them that go by the way ?

And do ye not know their tokens ?

30 That the evil man is ³reserved to the day of calamity ?

That they are ⁴led forth to the day of wrath ?

31 Who shall declare his way to his face ?

And who shall repay him what he hath done ?

32 ⁵Yet shall he be borne to the grave,

And ⁶shall keep watch over the tomb.

33 The clods of the valley shall be sweet unto him,

And all men shall draw after him,

As there were innumerable before him.

34 How then comfort ye me ⁷in vain,

¹ Or, *God layeth up his iniquity for his children; he rewardeth him, and he shall know it. His eyes shall see his destruction, and he shall drink &c.*

² Or, *milk pails*

³ Or, *spared in &c.*

⁴ Or, *led away in &c.*

⁵ Or, *Moreover he is borne to the grave, and keepeth watch over his tomb. The clods of the valley are sweet unto him; and all men draw &c.*

⁶ Or, *they shall keep*

⁷ Or, *with vanity*

¹ Or,
faithlessness

Seeing in your answers there remaineth *only*
¹falsehood?

Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and **1 22**
said,

Can a man be profitable unto God? **2**

Surely he that is wise is profitable unto himself.

Is it any pleasure to the Almighty, that thou art **3**
righteous?

Or is it gain *to him*, that thou makest thy ways
perfect?

² Or, for fear
of thee

Is it ²for thy fear *of him* that he reproveth thee, **4**
That he entereth with thee into judgement?

Is not thy wickedness great? **5**

Neither is there any end to thine iniquities.

For thou hast taken pledges of thy brother for **6**
nought,

And stripped the naked of their clothing.

Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink, **7**

And thou hast withholden bread from the hungry.

³ Heb. *the*
man of arm.

But as for ³the mighty man, he had the ⁴earth; **8**

⁴ Or, land

And ⁵the honourable man, he dwelt in it.

⁵ Heb. *he*
whose person
is accepted.

Thou hast sent widows away empty, **9**

And the arms of the fatherless have been broken.

Therefore snares are round about thee, **10**

And sudden fear troubleth thee,

⁶ Or, Or dost
thou not see
the darkness,
and the flood
of waters that
covereth thee?

⁶Or darkness, that thou canst not see, **11**

And abundance of waters cover thee.

Is not God in the height of heaven? **12**

⁷ Heb. *head.*

And behold the ⁷height of the stars, how high
they are!

And thou sayest, What doth God know? **13**

Can he judge through the thick darkness?

Thick clouds are a covering to him, that he seeth **14**
not;

⁸ Or, on the
vault

And he walketh ⁸in the circuit of heaven.

⁹ Or, Dost
thou mark

⁹Wilt thou keep the old way **15**

Which wicked men have trodden?

- 16 Who were snatched away before their time,
 Whose foundation was poured out as a stream :
 17 Who said unto God, Depart from us ;
 And, What can the Almighty do ¹for ²us ?
 18 Yet he filled their houses with good things :
 But the counsel of the wicked is far from me
 19 The righteous see it, and are glad ;
 And the innocent laugh them to scorn :
 20 *Saying*, Surely they that did rise up against us
 are cut off,
 And ³the remnant of them the fire hath con-
 sumed.
 21 Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace :
⁴Thereby good shall come unto thee.
 22 Receive, I pray thee, ⁵the law from his mouth,
 And lay up his words in thine heart.
 23 If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be
 built up ;
⁶If thou put away unrighteousness far from thy
 tents.
 24 And lay thou *thy* ⁷treasure ⁸in the dust,
 And *the gold of* Ophir among the stones of the
 brooks ;
 25 And the Almighty shall be thy ⁷treasure,
 And ⁹precious silver unto thee.
 26 For then shalt thou delight thyself in the Al-
 mighty,
 And shalt lift up thy face unto God.
 27 Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he
 shall hear thee ;
 And thou shalt pay thy vows.
 28 Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be
 established unto thee ;
 And light shall shine upon thy ways.
 29 When they ¹⁰cast *thee* down, thou shalt say, *There*
is lifting up ;
 And ¹¹the humble person he shall save.
 30 He shall deliver ¹²*even* him that is not innocent :

¹ Or, *to*² Heb. *them*.³ Or, *that*
which
remained to
*them*Or, *their*
*abundance*⁴ Or, as other-
wise read,
Thereby shall
thine increase
*be good.*⁵ Or,
*instruction*⁶ Or, *Thou*
shalt put
away...and
*shalt lay up*⁷ Heb. *ore.*⁸ Or, *on the*
*earth*⁹ Or, *precious*
silver shall be
*thine*¹⁰ Or, *are*
*made low*¹¹ Heb. *him*
that is lowly
*of eyes.*¹² Many
ancient ver-
sions read,
him that is
innocent.

Yea, he shall be delivered through the cleanness
of thine hands.

Then Job answered and said,

1 **23**

¹ Or, *bitter*
Or, accounted
rebellion

Even to-day is my complaint ¹rebellious :

2

² Or, *My hand*
is heavy upon
(or because of)
The Sept.
and Syr. read,
His hand.

² My stroke is heavier than my groaning.

Oh that I knew where I might find him,

3

That I might come even to his seat!

I would order my cause before him,

4

And fill my mouth with arguments.

I would know the words which he would answer 5
me,

And understand what he would say unto me.

Would he contend with me in the greatness of 6
his power ?

³ Or, *he would*
only give heed

Nay ; ³but he would give heed unto me.

There the upright might reason with him ; 7

So should I be delivered for ever from my judge.

Behold, I go forward, but he is not *there* ; 8

And backward, but I cannot perceive him :

On the left hand, when he doth work, but I 9
cannot behold him :

⁴ Or, *turneth*
himself to...
him, but

He ⁴hideth himself on the right hand, that I
cannot see him.

⁵ Or, *For*

⁵But he knoweth ⁶the way that I take ; 10

⁶ Heb. *the*
way that is
with me.

When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as
gold.

My foot hath held fast to his steps ; 11

His way have I kept, and turned not aside.

I have not gone back from the commandment 12
of his lips ;

⁷ Or, *more*
than my own
law

I have treasured up the words of his mouth ⁷more
than my ⁸necessary food.

The Sept. and
Vulgate have,
in my bosom.

But ⁹he is in one *mind*, and who can turn him ? 13

And what his soul desireth, even that he doeth.

⁸ Or, *portion*
See Prov.
xxx. 8.

For he performeth that which is appointed for 14
me :

⁹ Or, *he is one*

And many such things are with him.

- 15 Therefore am I troubled at his presence;
 When I consider, I am afraid of him.
 16 For God hath made my heart faint,
 And the Almighty hath troubled me :
 17 ¹Because I was not cut off before the darkness,
 Neither did he cover the thick darkness from
 my face.
 24 ¹Why are times not laid up by the Almighty ?
 And why do not they which know him see his
 days ?
 2 There are that remove the landmarks ;
 They violently take away flocks, and feed them.
 3 They drive away the ass of the fatherless,
 They take the widow's ox for a pledge.
 4 They turn the needy out of the way :
 The ³poor of the earth hide themselves together.
 5 Behold, as wild asses in the desert
 They go forth to their work, seeking diligently
 for ⁴meat ;
 The wilderness *yieldeth* them food for their
 children.
 6 They cut ⁵their provender in the field ;
 And they glean the vintage of the wicked.
 7 They lie all night naked without clothing,
 And have no covering in the cold.
 8 They are wet with the showers of the mountains,
 And embrace the rock for want of a shelter.
 9 There are that pluck the fatherless from the
 breast,
 And ⁶take a pledge of the poor :
 10 *So that* they go about naked without clothing,
 And being an-hungred they carry the sheaves ;
 11 They make oil within the walls of these men ;
 They tread *their* winepresses, and suffer thirst.
 12 From out of the ⁷populous city men groan,
 And the soul of the wounded crieth out :
 Yet God imputeth it not for folly.
 13 These are of them that rebel against the light ;

¹ Or, *For I am not dismayed because of the darkness, nor because thick darkness covereth my face*

² Or, *Why is it, seeing times are not hidden from the Almighty, that they which know him see not his days ?*

³ Or, *meek*

⁴ Heb. *prey*.

⁵ Or, *his*

⁶ Or, *take in pledge that which is on the poor*

⁷ Heb. *city of men*.

They know not the ways thereof,
 Nor abide in the paths thereof.
 The murderer riseth with the light, he killeth 14
 the poor and needy ;
 And in the night he is as a thief.
 The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the 15
 twilight,
 Saying, No eye shall see me :
 And he ¹disguiseth his face.
 In the dark they dig through houses : 16
²They shut themselves up in the day-time ;
 They know not the light.
 For the morning is to all of them as the shadow 17
 of death ;
 For they know the terrors of the shadow of
 death.
³Or, Ye say, ³He is swift upon the face of the waters ; 18
He is &c. Their portion is cursed in the earth :
 He turneth not by the way of the vineyards.
⁴Heb. violently. Drought and heat ⁴consume the snow waters : 19
ly take away. So doth ⁵Sheol *those which* have sinned.
⁵Or, the grave The womb shall forget him ; the worm shall feed 20
 sweetly on him ;
 He shall be no more remembered :
⁶Or, as a tree ; And unrighteousness shall be broken ⁶as a tree.
even he that He devoureth the barren that beareth not ; 21
devoureth &c. And doeth not good to the widow.
⁷Or, Yet God ⁷He draweth away the mighty also by his power : 22
by his power He riseth up, and no man is sure of life.
maketh the God giveth them to be in security, and they rest 23
mighty to con- thereon ;
tinue : they ⁸And his eyes are upon their ways.
rise up, when They are exalted ; yet a little while, and they 24
they believed are gone ;
not that they ⁹Yea, they are brought low, they are ¹⁰taken out
should live of the way as all other,
⁸Or, But
⁹Or, And
when they are
¹⁰Or, gathered
in And are cut off as the tops of the ears of corn.
 And if it be not so now, who will prove me a liar, 25

And make my speech nothing worth ?

25 ¹ Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

² Dominion and fear are with him ;

He maketh peace in his high places.

³ Is there any number of his armies ?

And upon whom doth not his light arise ?

⁴ How then can man be just ¹with God ?

¹ Or, *before*

Or how can he be clean that is born of a woman ?

⁵ Behold, even the moon hath no brightness,

And the stars are not pure in his sight :

⁶ How much less man, that is a worm !

And the son of man, which is a worm !

26 ¹ Then Job answered and said,

² How hast thou helped him that is without power !

How hast thou saved the arm that hath no strength !

³ How hast thou counselled him that hath no wisdom,

And plentifully declared sound knowledge !

⁴ To whom hast thou uttered words ?

And whose ²spirit came forth from thee ?

² Heb. *breath*.

⁵ ³They that are deceased tremble

Beneath the waters and the inhabitants thereof.

³ Or, *The shades*
Heb. *The*
Rephaim.

⁶ ⁴Sheol is naked before him,

And ⁵Abaddon hath no covering.

⁴ Or, *The grave*

⁷ He stretcheth out the north over empty space,

And hangeth the earth ⁶upon nothing.

⁵ Or,
Destruction

⁸ He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds ;

And the cloud is not rent under them.

⁶ Or, *over*

⁹ He closeth in the face of his throne,

And spreadeth his cloud upon it.

¹⁰ He hath described a boundary upon the face of the waters,

Unto the confines of light and darkness.

¹¹ The pillars of heaven tremble

And are astonished at his rebuke.

- ¹ Or, *stilleth* He ¹stirreth up the sea with his power, 12
 And by his understanding he smiteth through
² See ch. ix. 13. ² Rahab.
³ Heb. *beauty*. By his spirit the heavens are ³garnished ; 13
⁴ Or, *fleeing* His hand hath pierced the ⁴swift serpent.
 Or, *gliding* Lo, these are but the outskirts of his ways : 14
⁵ Or, *how little a portion* And ⁵how small a whisper ⁶do we hear of him!
⁶ Or, *is heard* But the thunder of his ⁷power who can under-
⁷ Or, *mighty deeds* stand ?

- And Job again took up his parable, and said, 1 27
 As God liveth, who hath taken away my right ; 2
 And the Almighty, who hath ⁸vexed my soul ;
⁸ Heb. *made my soul bitter*. ⁹(For my life is yet whole in me, 3
⁹ Or, *All the while my breath is in me ...nostrils ; surely* And the spirit of God is in my nostrils ;)
 Surely my lips ¹⁰shall not speak unrighteousness, 4
 Neither ¹¹shall my tongue utter deceit.
¹⁰ Or, *do* God forbid that I should justify you : 5
¹¹ Or, *doth* Till I die I will not put away mine integrity
 from me.
 My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it 6
 go :
¹² Or, *doth not reproach me for any of my days* My heart ¹²shall not reproach *me* so long as I live.
 Let mine enemy be as the wicked, 7
 And let him that riseth up against me be as
 the unrighteous.
¹³ Or, *when God cutteth him off, when he taketh &c.* For what is the hope of the godless, ¹³though he 8
 get him gain,
 When God taketh away his soul ?
 Will God hear his cry, 9
 When trouble cometh upon him ?
 Will he delight himself in the Almighty, 10
 And call upon God at all times ?
 I will teach you concerning the hand of God ; 11
 That which is with the Almighty will I not
 conceal.
 Behold, all ye yourselves have seen it ; 12
 Why then are ye become altogether vain ?

- 13 This is the portion of a wicked man with God,
 And the heritage of oppressors, which they receive from the Almighty.
 14 If his children be multiplied, it is for the sword;
 And his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread.
 15 Those that remain of him shall be buried in death,
 And his widows shall make no lamentation.
 16 Though he heap up silver as the dust,
 And prepare raiment as the clay;
 17 He may prepare it, but the just shall put it on,
 And the innocent shall divide the silver.
 18 He buildeth his house as the ¹moth,
 And as a booth which the keeper maketh.
 19 He lieth down rich, but he ²shall not be gathered;
 He openeth his eyes, and he is not.
 20 Terrors overtake him like waters;
 A tempest stealeth him away in the night.
 21 The east wind carrieth him away, and he departeth;
 And it sweepeth him out of his place.
 22 For *God* shall hurl at him, and not spare:
 He would fain flee out of his hand.
 23 Men shall clap their hands at him,
 And shall hiss him out of his place.

¹ Some ancient versions

have, *spider*.

² Some ancient versions have, *shall do so no more*.

- 28 ¹ Surely there is a mine for silver,
 And a place for gold which they refine.
 2 Iron is taken out of the ⁴earth,
 And brass is molten out of the stone.
 3 *Man* setteth an end to darkness,
 And searcheth out to the furthest bound
 The stones of thick darkness and of the shadow of death.
 4 ⁵ He breaketh open a shaft away from where men sojourn;
 They are forgotten of the foot *that passeth by*;
 They hang afar from men, they ⁶swing to and fro.
 5 As for the earth, out of it cometh bread:

³ Or, *For*

⁴ Or, *dust*

⁵ Or, *The flood breaketh out from where men sojourn; even the waters forgotten of the foot: they are minished, they are gone away from man*

⁶ Or, *flit*

- And underneath it is turned up as it were by fire.
The stones thereof are the place of sapphires, 6
- ¹ Or, *And he winneth lumps of gold* ¹ And it hath dust of gold.
That path no bird of prey knoweth, 7
Neither hath the falcon's eye seen it :
² Heb. *sons of pride.* The ² proud beasts have not trodden it, 8
Nor hath the fierce lion passed thereby.
He putteth forth his hand upon the flinty rock ; 9
He overturneth the mountains by the roots.
³ Or, *passages* He cutteth out ³ channels among the rocks ; 10
And his eye seeth every precious thing.
⁴ Heb. *from weeping.* He bindeth the streams ⁴ that they trickle not ; 11
And the thing that is hid bringeth he forth to light.
But where shall wisdom be found ? 12
And where is the place of understanding ?
Man knoweth not the price thereof ; 13
Neither is it found in the land of the living.
The deep saith, It is not in me : 14
And the sea saith, It is not with me.
⁵ Or, *treasure* It cannot be gotten for ⁵ gold, 15
Neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof.
It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, 16
⁶ Or, *beryl* With the precious ⁶ onyx, or the sapphire.
Gold and glass cannot equal it : 17
⁷ Or, *vessels* Neither shall the exchange thereof be ⁷ jewels of fine gold.
No mention shall be made of coral or of crystal : 18
⁸ Or, *red coral* Yea, the price of wisdom is above ⁸ rubies.
⁸ Or, *pearls* The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, 19
Neither shall it be valued with pure gold.
Whence then cometh wisdom ? 20
And where is the place of understanding ?
Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, 21
And kept close from the fowls of the air.
⁹ Heb. *Abaddon.* ⁹ Destruction and Death say, 22
We have heard a rumour thereof with our ears.

- 23 God understandeth the way thereof,
 And he knoweth the place thereof.
 24 For he looketh to the ends of the earth,
 And seeth under the whole heaven ;
 25 ¹To make a weight for the wind ; ¹ Or, *When*
he maketh
 Yea, he meteth out the waters by measure.
 26 When he made a decree for the rain,
 And a way for the lightning of the thunder :
 27 Then did he see it, and ²declare it ; ² Or, *recount*
 He established it, yea, and searched it out.
 28 And unto man he said,
 Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom ;
 And to depart from evil is understanding.
- 29 ¹ And Job again took up his parable, and said,
 2 Oh that I were as in the months of old,
 As in the days when God watched over me ;
 3 When his lamp shined ³upon my head, ³ Or, *above*
 And by his light I walked through darkness ;
 4 As I was in ⁴the ripeness of my days, ⁴ Heb. *my*
days of
autumn.
 When the ⁵secret of God was upon my tent ; ⁵ Or, *counsel*
Or, friendship
 5 When the Almighty was yet with me,
 And my children were about me ;
 6 When my steps were washed with butter,
 And the rock poured me out rivers of oil !
 7 When I went forth to the gate unto the city,
 When I prepared my seat in the ⁶street, ⁶ Or,
broad place
 8 The young men saw me and hid themselves,
 And the aged rose up and stood ;
 9 The princes refrained talking,
 And laid their hand on their mouth ;
 10 The voice of the nobles was ⁷hushed, ⁷ Heb. *hid.*
 And their tongue cleaved to the roof of their
 mouth.
 11 For when the ear heard *me*, then it blessed me ;
 And when the eye saw *me*, it gave witness unto
 me :
 12 Because I delivered the poor that cried,

¹ Or, and him
that had &c.

The fatherless also, ¹that had none to help him.
The blessing of him that was ready to perish ¹³
came upon me :

And I caused the widow's heart to sing for
joy.

² Or, clothed
itself with me

I put on righteousness, and it ²clothed me : 14

³ Or, turban

My justice was as a robe and a ³diadem.

I was eyes to the blind, 15

And feet was I to the lame.

I was a father to the needy : 16

⁴ Or, the cause
which I knew
not

And ⁴the cause of him that I knew not I
searched out.

⁵ Heb. great
teeth.

And I brake the ⁵jaws of the unrighteous, 17

And plucked the prey out of his teeth.

⁶ Or, beside
Heb. with.

Then I said, I shall die ⁶in my nest, 18

⁷ Or,
the phoenix

And I shall multiply my days as ⁷the sand :

My root is ⁸spread out ⁹to the waters, 19

⁸ Heb. opened.

And the dew lieth all night upon my branch :

⁹ Or, by

My glory is fresh in me, 20

And my bow is renewed in my hand.

Unto me men gave ear, and waited, 21

And kept silence for my counsel.

After my words they spake not again ; 22

And my speech dropped upon them.

And they waited for me as for the rain ; 23

And they opened their mouth wide *as* for the
latter rain.

¹⁰ Or, I smiled
on them when
they had no
confidence

¹⁰ If I laughed on them, they ¹¹believed *it* not ; 24

And the light of my countenance they cast not
down.

¹¹ Or, were not
confident

I chose out their way, and sat *as* chief, 25

And dwelt as a king in the army,

As one that comforteth the mourners.

But now they that are younger than I have me **1** **30**
in derision,

Whose fathers I disdained to set with the dogs
of my flock.

- ² Yea, the strength of their hands, whereto should
it profit me?
Men in whom ¹ripe age is perished. ¹ Or, *vigour*
- ³ They are gaunt with want and famine;
² They gnaw the dry ground, ³in the gloom of
wasteness and desolation. ² Or, *They flee
into the wilder-
ness, into &c.*
- ⁴ They pluck salt-wort by the bushes;
And the roots of the broom *are* ⁴their meat. ³ Or, which
yesternight
was
Or, *on the eve of*
- ⁵ They are driven forth from the midst *of men*;
They cry after them as after a thief. ⁴ Or, *to warm
them*
- ⁶ ⁵In the clefts of the valleys must they dwell,
In holes of the earth and of the rocks. ⁵ Or, *In the
most gloomy
valleys*
- ⁷ Among the bushes they bray;
Under the ⁶nettles they ⁷are gathered together. ⁶ Or, *wild
vetches*
- ⁸ *They are* children of fools, yea, children of ⁸base
men;
They ⁹were scourged out of the land. ⁷ Or, *stretch
themselves*
- ⁹ And now I am become their song,
Yea, I am a byword unto them. ⁸ Heb. *men of
no name.*
- ¹⁰ They abhor me, they stand aloof from me,
And spare not to spit ¹⁰in my face. ⁹ Or, *are out-
casts from the
land*
- ¹¹ For he hath loosed ¹¹his cord, and afflicted me,
And they have cast off the bridle before me. ¹⁰ Or, *at the
sight of me*
- ¹² Upon my right hand rise the ¹²rabble;
They thrust aside my feet,
And they cast up against me their ways of
destruction. ¹¹ According to
another read-
ing, *my cord*
(or *bowstring*).
¹² Or, *brood*
- ¹³ They ¹³mar my path,
They set forward my calamity,
Even men that have no helper. ¹³ Or, *break up*
- ¹⁴ ¹⁴As through a wide breach they come:
In the midst of the ruin they roll themselves
upon me. ¹⁴ Or, *As a
wide breaking
in of waters*
- ¹⁵ Terrors are turned upon me,
¹⁵They chase ¹⁵mine honour as the wind;
And my welfare is passed away as a cloud. ¹⁵ Or, *Thou
chasest*
- ¹⁶ And now my soul is poured out ¹⁷within me;
Days of affliction have taken hold upon me. ¹⁶ Or, *my
nobility*
¹⁷ Heb. *upon.*

¹ Or, *corroded*
and drop away
from me

² Heb.

from off.

³ Or, *my*
sinews take
&c.

⁴ Or, *By his*
great force is
&c.

In the night season my bones are ¹pierced ²in 17
me,

And ³the *pains* that gnaw me take no rest.

⁴By the great force of *my disease* is my garment 18
disfigured :

It bindeth me about as the collar of my coat.

He hath cast me into the mire, 19

And I am become like dust and ashes.

I cry unto thee, and thou dost not answer me : 20

I stand up, and thou lookest at me.

Thou art turned to be cruel to me : 21

With the might of thy hand thou persecutest me.

Thou liftest me up to the wind, thou causest me 22
to ride *upon it* ;

And thou dissolvest me in the storm.

For I know that thou wilt bring me to death, 23

⁵ Or, *the house*
of meeting for
&c.

And to ⁵the house appointed for all living.

⁶ Or, *Howbeit*
doth not one
stretch out the
hand in his
fall? or in his
calamity there-
fore cry for
help?

⁶Surely against a ruinous heap he will not put 24
forth his hand ;

Though *it be* in his destruction, *one may utter a*
cry because of these things.

Did not I weep for him that was in trouble ? 25

Was not my soul grieved for the needy ?

When I looked for good, then evil came ; 26

And when I waited for light, there came dark-
ness.

My bowels boil, and rest not ; 27

Days of affliction are come upon me.

⁷ Or,
blackened, but
not by the sun

I go ⁷mourning without the sun : 28

I stand up in the assembly, and cry for help.

I am a brother to jackals, 29

And a companion to ostriches.

My skin is black, *and falleth* from me, 30

And my bones are burned with heat.

Therefore is my harp *turned* to mourning, 31

And my pipe into the voice of them that weep.

I made a covenant with mine eyes ; 1 **31**

How then should I look upon a maid ?

² For what *is* the portion of God from above,
And the heritage of the Almighty from on high ?

¹ Or, *For what portion should I have of God ...and what heritage &c. ? Is there not calamity &c.?*

³ Is it not calamity to the unrighteous,
And disaster to the workers of iniquity ?

⁴ Doth not he see my ways,
And number all my steps ?

⁵ If I have walked with vanity,
And my foot hath hasted to deceit ;

⁶ (Let me be weighed in an even balance,
That God may know mine integrity ;)

⁷ If my step hath turned out of the way,
And mine heart walked after mine eyes,

And if any spot hath cleaved to mine hands :

⁸ Then let me sow, and let another eat ;

Yea, let ²the produce of my field be rooted out.

² Or, *my offspring*
Heb. *my produce.*

⁹ If mine heart have been enticed unto a woman,
And I have laid wait at my neighbour's door :

¹⁰ Then let my wife grind unto another,
And let others bow down upon her.

¹¹ For that were an heinous crime ;

Yea, it were an iniquity to be punished by the judges :

¹² For it is a fire that consumeth unto ³Destruction,

³ Heb. *Abaddon.*
See ch. xxvi. 6.

And would root out all mine increase.

¹³ If I did despise the cause of my manservant or
of my maidservant,

When they contended with me :

¹⁴ What then shall I do when God riseth up ?

And when he visiteth, what shall I answer him ?

¹⁵ Did not he that made me in the womb make
him ?

And did not one fashion us in the womb ?

¹⁶ If I have withheld ⁴the poor from *their* desire,

Or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail ;

⁴ Or, *ought that the poor desired*

¹⁷ Or have eaten my morsel alone,

And the fatherless hath not eaten thereof ;

(Nay, from my youth he grew up with me as 18
 with a father,
 And I have been her guide from my mother's
 womb;)

If I have seen any perish for want of clothing, 19
 Or that the needy had no covering;
 If his loins have not blessed me, 20
 And if he were not warmed with the fleece of
 my sheep;
 If I have lifted up my hand against the father- 21
 less,
 Because I saw my help in the gate:
 Then let my shoulder fall from the shoulder 22
 blade,
 And mine arm be broken from the bone.
 For calamity from God was a terror to me, 23
 And by reason of his excellency I could do
 nothing.

If I have made gold my hope, 24
 And have said to the fine gold, *Thou art my*
 confidence;
 If I rejoiced because my wealth was great, 25
 And because mine hand had gotten much;
 If I beheld ¹the sun when it shined, 26
 Or the moon walking in brightness;
 And my heart hath been secretly enticed, 27
 And ²my mouth hath kissed my hand:
 This also were an iniquity to be punished by the 28
 judges:
 For I should have ³lied to God that is above.
 If I rejoiced at the destruction of him that hated 29
 me,
 Or lifted up myself when evil found him;
 (Yea, I suffered not my ⁴mouth to sin 30
 By asking his life with a curse;)

If the men of my tent said not, 31
⁵Who can find one that hath not been satisfied
 with his flesh?

¹ Heb. *the light.*

² Heb. *my hand hath kissed my mouth.*

³ Or, *denied God*

⁴ Heb. *palate.*

⁵ Or, *Oh that we had of his flesh! we cannot be satisfied.*

- 32 The stranger did not lodge in the street ;
But I opened my doors to ¹the traveller ;
- 33 If ²like Adam I covered my transgressions,
By hiding mine iniquity in my bosom ;
- 34 Because I feared the great multitude,
And the contempt of families terrified me,
So that I kept silence, and went not out of the
door—
- 35 Oh that I had one to hear me !
(Lo, here is my ³signature, let the Almighty ³ Heb. *mark*.
answer me ;)
And *that I had* the ⁴indictment which mine ⁴ Heb. *book*.
adversary hath written !
- 36 Surely I would carry it upon my shoulder ;
I would bind it unto me as a crown.
- 37 I would declare unto him the number of my
steps ;
As a prince would I ⁵go near unto him. ⁵ Or, *present*
it to him
- 38 If my land cry out against me,
And the furrows thereof weep together ;
- 39 If I have eaten the ⁶fruits thereof without money, ⁶ Heb. *strength*.
Or have caused the owners thereof to lose their
life :
- 40 Let ⁷thistles grow instead of wheat, ⁷ Or, *thorns*
And ⁸cockle instead of barley. ⁸ Or, *noisome*
weeds

The words of Job are ended.

- 32 ¹ So these three men ceased to answer Job,
because he was righteous in his own eyes.
- ² Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son
of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram :
against Job was his wrath kindled, because
- ³ he justified himself rather than God. Also
against his three friends was his wrath kindled,
because they had found no answer, and yet had
- ⁴ condemned Job. Now Elihu had ⁹waited to ⁹ Heb. *waited*
speak unto Job, because they were elder than he. *for Job with*
words.

And when Elihu saw that there was no answer 5
in the mouth of these three men, his wrath was
kindled.

And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite 6
answered and said,

I am young, and ye are very old ;
Wherefore I held back, and durst not shew you
mine opinion.

I said, Days should speak, 7
And multitude of years should teach wisdom.
But there is a spirit in man, 8
And the breath of the Almighty giveth them
understanding.

It is not the great that are wise, 9
Nor the aged that understand judgement.

¹ Or, say Therefore I ¹said, Hearken to me ; 10

I also will shew mine opinion.
Behold, I waited for your words, 11

I listened for your reasons,
Whilst ye searched out what to say.

Yea, I attended unto you, 12

And, behold, there was none that convinced Job,
Or that answered his words, among you.

² Or, Lest ye ²Beware lest ye say, We have found wisdom ; 13
should say, We God may vanquish him, not man :
have found out For he hath not directed his words against me ; 14
wisdom ; God Neither will I answer him with your speeches.
thrusteth him They are amazed, they answer no more : 15
down, not They have not a word to say.
man ; now he And shall I wait, because they speak not, 16
&c. Because they stand still, and answer no more ?

I also will answer my part, 17

I also will shew mine opinion.

For I am full of words ; 18

³ Heb. of my The spirit ³within me constraineth me. 19

⁴ Or, Behold, my belly is as wine which hath no 19
wine-skins vent ;

⁵ Or, which Like new ⁴bottles ⁵it is ready to burst.

- 20 I will speak, that I may ¹be refreshed ;
 I will open my lips and answer. ¹ Or, *find relief*
- 21 Let me not, I pray you, respect any man's
 person ;
 Neither will I give flattering titles unto any
 man.
- 22 For I know not to give flattering titles ;
Else would my Maker soon take me away.
- 33 ¹ Howbeit, Job, I pray thee, hear my speech,
 And hearken to all my words.
- 2 Behold now, I have opened my mouth,
 My tongue hath spoken in my ²mouth. ² Heb. *palate*.
- 3 My words *shall utter* the uprightness of my
 heart :
 And that which my lips know they shall speak
 sincerely.
- 4 The spirit of God hath made me,
 And the breath of the Almighty giveth me
 life.
- 5 If thou canst, answer thou me ;
 Set *thy words* in order before me, stand forth.
- 6 Behold, ³I am toward God even as thou art :
 I also am formed out of the clay. ³ Or, *I am according to thy wish in God's stead*
- 7 Behold, my terror shall not make thee afraid,
 Neither shall my pressure be heavy upon thee.
- 8 Surely thou hast spoken in mine hearing,
 And I have heard the voice of *thy* words, *say-*
ing,
- 9 I am clean, without transgression ;
 I am innocent, neither is there iniquity in me :
- 10 Behold, he findeth ⁴occasions against me,
 He counteth me for his enemy ; ⁴ Or, *causes of alienation*
- 11 He putteth my feet in the stocks,
 He marketh all my paths. ⁵ Or, *Behold, in this thou art not just ; I will answer thee: for &c.*
- 12 ⁵Behold, I will answer thee, in this thou art
 not just ; ⁶ Or, *Why dost thou strive against him, for that he... matters?*
- For God is greater than man.
- 13 ⁶Why dost thou strive against him ?

- For he giveth not account of any of his matters.
 For God speaketh ¹once, 14
 Yea twice, *though man* regardeth it not.
 In a dream, in a vision of the night, 15
 When deep sleep falleth upon men,
 In slumberings upon the bed ;
 Then he ²openeth the ears of men, 16
 And sealeth their instruction,
³That he may withdraw man *from his* purpose, 17
 And hide pride from man ;
⁴He keepeth back his soul from the pit, 18
 And his life from perishing by the ⁵sword.
 He is chastened also with pain upon his bed, 19
⁶And with continual strife in his bones :
 So that his life abhorreth bread, 20
 And his soul dainty meat.
 His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be 21
 seen ;
 And his bones that were not seen stick out.
 Yea, his soul draweth near unto the pit, 22
 And his life to the destroyers.
 If there be with him ⁷an angel, 23
 An interpreter, one ⁸among a thousand,
 To shew unto man ⁹what is right for him ;
¹⁰Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, 24
 Deliver him from going down to the pit,
 I have found a ransom.
 His flesh shall be fresher than a child's ; 25
 He returneth to the days of his youth :
 He prayeth unto God, and he is favourable 26
 unto him ;
 So that he seeth his face with joy :
 And he restoreth unto man his righteousness.
¹¹He singeth before men, and saith, 27
 I have sinned, and perverted that which was right,
 And ¹²it profited me not :
 He hath redeemed my soul from going into the 28
 pit,

¹ Or, *in one way, yea, in two*

² Heb. *uncovereth.*

³ Or, *That man may put away his purpose, and that he may hide*

⁴ Or, *That he may keep back*

⁵ Or, *weapons*

⁶ Another reading is, *While all his bones are firm.*

⁷ Or, *a messenger*

⁸ Or, *of the thousand*

⁹ Or, *his uprightness*

¹⁰ Or, *And he be gracious... and say... ransom: his flesh &c.*

¹¹ Or, *He looketh upon men*

¹² Or, *it was not requited unto me*
 Or, *it was not meet for me*

And my life shall behold the light.

29 Lo, all these things doth God work,

Twice, *yea* thrice, with a man,

30 To bring back his soul from the pit,

That he may be enlightened with the light of
the living.

¹ Or, *life*

31 Mark well, O Job, hearken unto me :

Hold thy peace, and I will speak.

32 If thou hast any thing to say, answer me :

Speak, for I desire to justify thee.

33 If not, hearken thou unto me :

Hold thy peace, and I will teach thee wisdom.

34 ¹ Moreover Elihu answered and said,

² Hear my words, ye wise men ;

And give ear unto me, ye that have knowledge.

3 For the ear trieth words,

As the palate tasteth meat.

4 Let us choose for us that which is right :

Let us know among ourselves what is good.

5 For Job hath said, I am righteous,

And God hath taken away my right :

6 ² Notwithstanding my right I am *accounted* a liar ;

² Or, *Should I lie against my right?*

³ My wound is incurable, *though I am* without transgression.

³ Heb. *Mine arrow.*

7 What man is like Job,

Who drinketh up scorning like water ?

8 Which goeth in company with the workers of iniquity,

And walketh with wicked men.

9 For he hath said, It profiteth a man nothing

That he should ⁴delight himself with God.

⁴ Or, *consent with*

10 Therefore hearken unto me, ye men of understanding :

See Ps. l. 18.

Far be it from God, that he should do wickedness ;

And from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity.

For the work of a man shall he render unto 11
him,

And cause every man to find according to his
ways.

Yea, of a surety, God will not do wickedly, 12

Neither will the Almighty pervert judgement.

Who gave him a charge over the earth ? 13

¹ Or, *laid*
upon him

Or who hath ¹disposed the whole world ? 14

² According to
another read-
ing, *If he cause*
his heart to
return unto
himself.

If he gather unto himself his spirit and his
breath ;

All flesh shall perish together, 15

And man shall turn again unto dust.

³ Or, *upon*
himself

⁵ If now *thou hast* understanding, hear this : 16

⁴ Heb. *him.*

Hearken to the voice of my words.

⁵ Or, *Only*
understand

Shall even one that hateth right govern ? 17

And wilt thou condemn him that is just *and*
mighty ?

⁶ Or, as read
by some
ancient ver-
sions, *Who*
saith to...vile,
and to...
wicked ; that
respecteth &c.

⁶ Is it *fit* to say to a king, *Thou art* vile ? 18

Or to nobles, *Ye are* wicked ?

How much less to him that respecteth not the 19
persons of princes,

Nor regardeth the rich more than the poor ?

For they all are the work of his hands.

⁷ Or, *and at*
midnight the
people &c.

In a moment they die, ⁷even at midnight ; 20

The people are shaken and pass away,

And the mighty are taken away without hand.

For his eyes are upon the ways of a man, 21.

And he seeth all his goings.

There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, 22

Where the workers of iniquity may hide them-
selves.

For he needeth not further to consider a man, 23

That he should go before God in judgement.

⁸ Or, *without*
inquisition

He breaketh in pieces mighty men ⁸*in ways* past 24
finding out,

And setteth others in their stead.

Therefore he taketh knowledge of their works ; 25

And he overturneth them in the night, so that they are ¹destroyed.

¹ Heb. *crushed*.

26 He striketh them as wicked men

²In the open sight of others ;

² Heb. *In the place of beholders.*

27 Because they turned aside from following him,
And would not have regard to any of his ways :

28 ³So that they caused the cry of the poor to come unto him,

³ Or, *That they might cause...and that he might hear*

And he heard the cry of the afflicted.

29 When he giveth quietness, who then can condemn ?

And when he hideth his face, who then can behold him ?

Whether *it be done* unto a nation, or unto a man, alike :

30 That the godless man reign not,
That there be none to ensnare the people.

31 For hath any said unto God,

I have borne *chastisement*, ⁴I will not offend *any* more :

⁴ Or, *though I offend not*

32 That which I see not teach thou me :

If I have done iniquity, I will do it no more ?

33 Shall his recompence be as thou wilt, that thou refusest it ?

For thou must choose, and not I :

Therefore speak what thou knowest.

34 Men of understanding will say unto me,

Yea, every wise man that heareth me :

35 Job speaketh without knowledge,

And his words are without wisdom.

36 Would that Job were tried unto the end,
Because of his answering like wicked men.

37 For he addeth rebellion unto his sin,
He clappeth his hands among us,
And multiplieth his words against God.

35 ¹ Moreover Elihu answered and said,

² Thinkest thou this to be *thy* right,

Or sayest thou, My righteousness is more than
 God's,
 That thou sayest, What advantage will it be ³
 unto thee?
And, What profit shall I have, more than if I
 had sinned?
 I will answer thee, 4
 And thy companions with thee.
 Look unto the heavens, and see; 5
 And behold the skies, which are higher than
 thou.
 If thou hast sinned, what doest thou against him? 6
 And if thy transgressions be multiplied, what
 doest thou unto him?
 If thou be righteous, what givest thou him? 7
 Or what receiveth he of thine hand?
 Thy wickedness *may hurt* a man as thou art; 8
 And thy righteousness *may profit* a son of man.
 By reason of the multitude of oppressions they 9
 cry out;
 They cry for help by reason of the arm of the
 mighty.
 But none saith, Where is God my Maker, 10
 Who giveth songs in the night;
 Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the 11
 earth,
 And maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven?
 There they cry, ¹but none giveth answer, 12
 Because of the pride of evil men.
 Surely God will not hear vanity, 13
 Neither will the Almighty regard it.
 How much less when thou sayest ²thou beholdest 14
 him not,
 The cause is before him, and thou waitest for him!
 But now, because he hath not visited in his anger, 15
³Neither doth he greatly regard arrogance;
 Therefore doth Job open his mouth in vanity; 16
 He multiplieth words without knowledge.

¹ Or, but he
answereth not

² Or, thou be-
holdest him not!
The cause is be-
fore him; there-
fore wait thou
for him.

³ Or, Thou
sayest, He doth
not greatly
regard
arrogance.
Thus doth &c.

- 36** ¹ Elihu also proceeded, and said,
² ¹ Suffer me a little, and I will shew thee ;
 For ² I have yet somewhat to say on God's be-
 half.
³ I will fetch my knowledge from afar,
 And will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.
⁴ For truly my words are not false :
 One that is perfect in knowledge is with thee.
⁵ Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any :
 He is mighty in strength of ³ understanding.
⁶ He preserveth not the life of the wicked :
 But giveth to the afflicted *their* right.
⁷ He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous :
 But with kings upon the throne
 He setteth them for ever, and they are exalted.
⁸ And if they be bound in fetters,
 And be taken in the cords of affliction ;
⁹ Then he sheweth them their work,
 And their transgressions, that they have behaved
 themselves proudly.
¹⁰ He openeth also their ear to instruction,
 And commandeth that they return from iniquity.
¹¹ If they hearken and serve *him*,
 They shall spend their days in prosperity,
 And their years in ⁴ pleasures.
¹² But if they hearken not, they shall perish by
⁵ the sword,
 And they shall die without knowledge.
¹³ But they that are godless in heart lay up anger :
 They cry not for help when he bindeth them.
¹⁴ ⁶ They die in youth,
 And their life *perisheth* ⁷ among the ⁸ unclean.
¹⁵ He delivereth the afflicted ⁹ by his affliction,
 And openeth their ear ¹⁰ in oppression.
¹⁶ Yea, he would have ¹¹ led thee away ¹² out of
 distress
 Into a broad place, where there is no straitness ;

¹ Heb. *Wait for.*² Heb. there are yet words for God.³ Heb. *heart.*⁴ Or, *pleasantness*⁵ Or, *weapons*⁶ Heb. *Their soul dieth.*⁷ Or, *like*⁸ Or, *sodomites*
See Deut. xxiii. 17.⁹ Or, *in*¹⁰ Or, *by adversity*¹¹ Or, *allured thee*¹² Heb. *out of the mouth of.*

And that which is set on thy table should be full of fatness.

¹ Or, *hast filled up* But thou ¹art full of the judgement of the wicked : 17
Judgement and justice take hold *on thee*.

² Or, *For beware lest wrath lead thee away into mockery* ² Because there is wrath, beware lest thou be ³led 18
away by *thy* sufficiency ;

³ Or, *allured* Neither let the greatness of the ransom turn thee
aside.

⁴ Or, *Will thy cry avail* ⁴ Will thy riches suffice, ⁵ *that thou be* not in distress, 19
Or all the forces of *thy* strength ?

⁵ Or, *that are without stint* Desire not the night, 20

⁶ Heb. *go up*. When peoples ⁶are cut off in their place.

Take heed, regard not iniquity : 21

For this hast thou chosen rather than affliction.

Behold, God doeth loftily in his power : 22

Who is a teacher like unto him ?

Who hath enjoined him his way ? 23

Or who can say, Thou hast wrought unrighteousness ?

Remember that thou magnify his work, 24

Whereof men have sung.

All men have looked thereon ; 25

Man beholdeth it afar off.

Behold, God is great, and we know him not ; 26

The number of his years is unsearchable.

For he draweth up the drops of water, 27

Which distil in rain ⁷from ⁸his vapour :

Which the skies pour down 28

And drop upon man abundantly.

Yea, can any understand the spreadings of the 29
clouds,

The thunderings of his pavilion ?

⁹ Or, *thereon* Behold, he spreadeth his light ⁹around him ; 30

¹⁰ Or, *covereth it with the depths of the sea* And he ¹⁰covereth the bottom of the sea.

For by these he judgeth the peoples ; 31

He giveth meat in abundance.

¹¹ Heb. *light*. He covereth his hands with the ¹¹lightning ; 32

¹² Or, *against the assailant* And giveth it a charge ¹²that it strike the mark.

- 33 The noise thereof telleth concerning ¹him,
The cattle also concerning ²*the storm* that cometh
up. ¹ Or, *it* ² Or, *him*

37 ¹ At this also my heart trembleth,
And is moved out of its place.

- ² Harken ye unto the noise of his voice,
And the ³sound that goeth out of his mouth. ³ Or, *muttering*

- ³ He sendeth it forth under the whole heaven,
And his ⁴lightning unto the ⁵ends of the earth. ⁴ Heb. *light*.

- ⁴ After it a voice roareth ; ⁵ Heb. *skirts*.

He thundereth with the voice of his majesty :
And he stayeth them not when his voice is heard.

- ⁵ God thundereth marvellously with his voice ;
Great things doeth he, which we cannot compre-
hend.

- ⁶ For he saith to the snow, Fall thou on the earth ;
Likewise to the shower of rain,
And to the showers of his mighty rain.

- ⁷ He sealeth up the hand of every man ;
That all men whom he hath made may know *it*.

- ⁸ Then the beasts go into coverts,
And remain in their dens.

- ⁹ Out of ⁶the chamber *of the south* cometh the storm : ⁶ See ch. ix. 9.

And cold out of the ⁷north.

⁷ Heb. *scatter-
ing* winds.

- ¹⁰ By the breath of God ice is given :

And the breadth of the waters is ⁸straitened.

⁸ Or, *congealed*

- ¹¹ Yea, he ladeth the thick cloud with moisture ;
He spreadeth abroad the cloud of his ⁴lightning :

- ¹² And it is turned round about by his guidance,
That they may do whatsoever he commandeth
them

Upon the face of the habitable world :

- ¹³ Whether it be for correction, or for his ⁹land, ⁹ Or, *earth*
Or for mercy, that he cause it to come.

- ¹⁴ Harken unto this, O Job :

Stand still, and consider the wondrous works of
God.

Dost thou know how God layeth *his charge* upon 15
them,

¹ Heb. *light*. And causeth the ¹lightning of his cloud to shine ?

Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, 16

The wondrous works of him which is perfect in
knowledge ?

² Or, *Thou* ²How thy garments are warm, 17
whose gar-

ments are &c. ³When the earth is still by reason of the south
³ Or, *When he* *wind?*

quieteth the Canst thou with him spread out the sky, 18
earth by the Which is strong as a molten mirror ?
south wind

Teach us what we shall say unto him ; 19

For we cannot order *our speech* by reason of
darkness.

Shall it be told him that I would speak ? 20

⁴ Or, *If a man* ⁴Or should a man wish that he were swallowed
speak, surely *up ?*
he shall be

swallowed up. And now men ⁵see not the light which is bright 21
⁵ Or, *cannot* *in the skies :*
look on the

light when it But the wind passeth, and cleanseth them.
is bright in Out of the north cometh ⁶golden splendour : 22
the skies, when

the wind hath God hath upon him terrible majesty.
passed, and *Touching* the Almighty, we cannot find him out ; 23
cleansed them

⁶ Heb. *gold*. he is excellent in power :

⁷ Or, *to judge-* And ⁷in judgement and plenteous justice he will
ment...he *not afflict.*
doeth no

violence Men do therefore fear him : 24

He regardeth not any that are wise of heart.

Then the LORD answered Job out of the 1 **38**
whirlwind, and said,

Who is this that darkeneth counsel 2

By words without knowledge ?

Gird up now thy loins like a man ; 3

For I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto
me.

Where wast thou when I laid the foundations 4
of the earth ?

Declare, ¹if thou hast understanding.

- 5 Who determined the measures thereof, ²if thou knowest?

¹ Heb. *if thou knowest*
under-
standing.

Or who stretched the line upon it?

² Or, *seeing*

- 6 Whereupon were the ³foundations thereof ⁴fastened?

³ Heb. *sockets.*

⁴ Heb. *made to sink.*

Or who laid the corner stone thereof;

- 7 When the morning stars sang together,
And all the sons of God shouted for joy?

- 8 Or *who* shut up the sea with doors,

When it brake forth, ⁵*as if* it had issued out of the womb;

⁵ Or, *and issued*

- 9 When I made the cloud the garment thereof,
And thick darkness a swaddlingband for it,

- 10 And ⁶prescribed for it my ⁷decree,
And set bars and doors,

⁶ Heb. *brake.*

⁷ Or, *boundary*

- 11 And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further;

And here shall thy proud waves be stayed?

- 12 Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days *began*,

And caused the dayspring to know its place;

- 13 That it might take hold of the ends of the earth,
And the wicked be shaken out of it?

- 14 It is changed as clay under the seal;

And *all things* stand forth ⁸as a garment:

⁸ Or, *as in a garment*

- 15 And from the wicked their light is withholden,
And the high arm is broken.

- 16 Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea?

Or hast thou walked in the ⁹recesses of the deep?

⁹ Or, *search*

- 17 Have the gates of death been revealed unto thee?

Or hast thou seen the gates of the shadow of death?

- 18 Hast thou comprehended the breadth of the earth?

Declare, if thou knowest it all.

Where is the way to the dwelling of light, 19
 And as for darkness, where is the place thereof ;
 That thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof, 20
 And that thou shouldest discern the paths to
 the house thereof ?

Doubtless, thou knowest, for thou wast then 21
 born,

And the number of thy days is great !
 Hast thou entered the treasures of the snow, 22
 Or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail,
 Which I have reserved against the time of 23
 trouble,

Against the day of battle and war ?

¹ Or, *Which is the way to the place where the light is &c.* ¹ By what way is the light parted, 24
 Or the east wind scattered upon the earth ?
 Who hath cleft a channel for the waterflood, 25

Or a way for the lightning of the thunder ;
 To cause it to rain on a land where no man is ; 26
 On the wilderness, wherein there is no man ;
 To satisfy the waste and desolate *ground* ; 27

² Or, *greensward* And to cause the ² tender grass to spring forth ?
 Hath the rain a father ? 28

Or who hath begotten the drops of dew ?
 Out of whose womb came the ice ? 29

And the hoary frost of heaven, who hath
³ gendered it ?

³ Or, *given it birth* The waters ⁴ are hidden as *with* stone, 30
⁴ Or, *are congealed like stone* And the face of the deep ⁵ is frozen.

Canst thou bind the ⁶ cluster of the Pleiades, 31
 Or loose the bands of Orion ?

⁶ Or, *chain* Canst thou lead forth ⁷ the Mazzaroth in their 32
⁷ Or, *sweet influences* season ?

⁷ Or, *the signs of the Zodiac* Or canst thou guide the Bear with her ⁸ train ?
 Knowest thou the ordinances of the heavens ? 33

⁸ Heb. *sons.* Canst thou establish the dominion thereof in the
 earth ?

Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, 34
 That abundance of waters may cover thee ?

- 35 Canst thou send forth lightnings, that they may go,
And say unto thee, Here we are ?
- 36 Who hath put wisdom in the ¹inward parts ? ¹ Or,
Or who hath given understanding to the ²mind ? ² Or, *dark clouds*
² Or, *meteor*
- 37 Who can number the clouds by wisdom ?
Or who can ³pour out the bottles of heaven, ³ Heb. *cause to*
lie down.
- 38 When the dust runneth into a mass,
And the clods cleave fast together ?
- 39 Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lioness ?
Or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,
- 40 When they couch in their dens,
And abide in the covert to lie in wait ?
- 41 Who provideth for the raven his food,
When his young ones cry unto God,
And wander for lack of meat ?
- 39 ¹ Knowest thou the time when the wild goats of
the rock bring forth ?
Or canst thou mark when the hinds do calve ?
- ² Canst thou number the months that they fulfil ?
Or knowest thou the time when they bring forth ?
- ³ They bow themselves, they bring forth their
young,
They cast out their sorrows.
- ⁴ Their young ones are in good liking, they grow
up in the open field ;
They go forth, and ⁴return not again. ⁴ Or, *return*
not unto them
- ⁵ Who hath sent out the wild ass free ?
Or who hath loosed the bands of the wild ass ?
- ⁶ Whose house I have made the wilderness,
And the salt land his dwelling place.
- ⁷ He scorneth the tumult of the city,
Neither heareth he the shoutings of the ⁵driver. ⁵ Or,
taskmaster
- ⁸ The range of the mountains is his pasture,
And he searcheth after every green thing.
- ⁹ Will the ⁶wild-ox be content to serve thee ? ⁶ See Num.
xiii. 22.
Or will he abide by thy crib ?
- ¹⁰ Canst thou bind the wild-ox with his band in the
furrow ?

Or will he harrow the valleys after thee ?
Wilt thou trust him, because his strength is ¹¹
great ?

Or wilt thou leave to him thy labour ?
Wilt thou confide in him, that he will bring home ¹²
thy seed,

And gather *the corn of* thy threshing-floor ?

The wing of the ostrich rejoiceth ; ¹³

¹ Or, like the
stork's

But are her pinions and feathers ¹kindly ?

For she leaveth her eggs on the earth, ¹⁴

And warmeth them in the dust,

And forgetteth that the foot may crush them, ¹⁵

Or that the wild beast may trample them.

² Or, *dealeth*
hardly with

She ²is hardened against her young ones, as if ¹⁶
they were not hers :

Though her labour be in vain, *she is* without
fear ;

³ Heb. *made*
her to forget
wisdom.

Because God hath ³deprived her of wisdom, ¹⁷

Neither hath he imparted to her understanding.

⁴ Or, *rouseth*
herself up to
flight

What time she ⁴lifteth up herself on high, ¹⁸

She scorneth the horse and his rider.

Hast thou given the horse *his* might ? ¹⁹

⁵ Heb. *shaking.*

Hast thou clothed his neck with ⁵the quivering
mane ?

Hast thou made him to leap as a locust ? ²⁰

The glory of his snorting is terrible.

⁶ Heb.
They paw.

⁶He paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in his ²¹
strength :

⁷ Or, *the*
weapons

He goeth out to meet ⁷the armed men.

He mocketh at fear, and is not dismayed ; ²²

Neither turneth he back from the sword.

⁸ Or, *upon*

The quiver rattleth ⁸against him, ²³

The flashing spear and the javelin.

He swalloweth the ground with fierceness and ²⁴
rage ;

⁹ Or, *Neither*
standeth he still
at &c.

⁹Neither believeth he that it is the voice of the
trumpet.

As oft as the trumpet *soundeth* he saith, Aha ! ²⁵

And he smelleth the battle afar off,
The thunder of the captains, and the shouting.

26 Doth the hawk soar by thy wisdom,
And stretch her wings toward the south?

27 Doth the eagle mount up at thy command,
And make her nest on high?

28 She dwelleth on the rock, and hath her lodging
there,

Upon the crag of the rock, and the strong hold.

29 From thence she spieth out the prey;
Her eyes behold it afar off.

30 Her young ones also suck up blood:
And where the slain are, there is she.

40 ¹ Moreover the LORD answered Job, and said,
² Shall he that cavilleth contend with the Al-
³ mighty?

He that argueth with God, let him answer it.

3 Then Job answered the LORD, and said,

4 Behold, I am of small account; what shall I
answer thee?

I lay mine hand upon my mouth.

5 Once have I spoken, and I will not answer;
Yea twice, but I will proceed no further.

6 Then the LORD answered Job out of the
whirlwind, and said,

7 Gird up thy loins now like a man:
I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

8 Wilt thou even disannul my judgement?
Wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be
justified?

9 Or hast thou an arm like God?
And canst thou thunder with a voice like him?

10 Deck thyself now with excellency and dignity;
And array thyself with honour and majesty.

11 Pour forth the overflowings of thine anger:

And look upon every one that is proud, and
abase him.

Look on every one that is proud, *and* bring him 12
low ;

And tread down the wicked where they stand.

Hide them in the dust together ; 13

Bind their faces in the hidden *place*.

Then will I also confess of thee 14

That thine own right hand can save thee.

¹ That is, *the hippopotamus*. Behold now ¹ behemoth, which I made with 15
thee ;

He eateth grass as an ox.

Lo now, his strength is in his loins, 16

And his force is in the muscles of his belly.

He moveth his tail like a cedar : 17

The sinews of his thighs are knit together.

His bones are *as* tubes of brass ; 18

² Or, *ribs* His ²limbs are like bars of iron.

He is the chief of the ways of God : 19

³ Or, *He that made him hath furnished him with his sword* ³ He *only* that made him can make his sword to
approach *unto him*.

Surely the mountains bring him forth food ; 20

Where all the beasts of the field do play.

He lieth under the lotus trees, 21

In the covert of the reed, and the fen.

The lotus trees cover him with their shadow ; 22

The willows of the brook compass him about.

⁴ Or, *be violent* Behold, if a river ⁴overflow, he trembleth not : 23

He is confident, though Jordan swell even to
his mouth.

Shall any take him when he is on the watch, 24

Or pierce through his nose with a snare ?

[Ch. xl. 25 in Heb.] Canst thou draw out ⁵leviathan with a fish 41
hook ?

Or press down his tongue with a cord ?

⁵ That is, *the crocodile*.

Canst thou put ⁶a rope into his nose ? 2

⁶ Heb. *a rope of rushes*.

Or pierce his jaw through with a ⁷hook ?

⁷ Or, *spike*

Will he make many supplications unto thee ? 3

Or will he speak soft words unto thee ?

4 Will he make a covenant with thee,
That thou shouldest take him for a servant for
ever ?

5 Wilt thou play with him as with a bird ?
Or wilt thou bind him for thy maidens ?

6 Shall the bands *of fishermen* make traffic of
him ?

Shall they part him among the merchants ?

7 Canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons,
Or his head with fish spears ?

8 Lay thine hand upon him ;
Remember the battle, and do so no more.

9 Behold, the hope of him is in vain :
Shall not one be cast down even at the sight of
him ?

[Ch. xli. 1 in
Heb.]

10 None is so fierce that he dare stir him up :
Who then is he that can stand before me ?

11 Who hath first given unto me, that I should
repay him ?

Whatsoever is under the whole heaven is mine.

12 I will not keep silence concerning his limbs,
Nor his mighty strength, nor his comely pro-
portion.

13 Who can ¹strip off his outer garment ?
Who shall come within his double bridle ?

¹ Heb. *uncover
the face of his
garment.*

14 Who can open the doors of his face ?
²Round about his teeth is terror.

² Or, *His teeth
are terrible
round about*

15 *His* ³strong scales are *his* pride,
Shut up together *as with* a close seal.

³ Or, *courses of
scales*
Heb. *channels
of shields.*

16 One is so near to another,
That no air can come between them.

17 They are joined one to another ;
They stick together, that they cannot be
sundered.

18 His neesings flash forth light,
And his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning.

19 Out of his mouth go burning torches,

And sparks of fire leap forth.
 Out of his nostrils a smoke goeth, 20
 As of a seething pot and *burning* rushes.
 His breath kindleth coals, 21
 And a flame goeth forth from his mouth.
 In his neck abideth strength, 22
 And terror danceth before him.
 The flakes of his flesh are joined together : 23
 They are firm upon him; they cannot be moved.
 His heart is as firm as a stone ; 24
 Yea, firm as the nether millstone.
 When he raiseth himself up, the mighty are 25
 afraid :

By reason of consternation they are beside
 themselves.

¹ Or, *coat of
mail*

If one lay at him with the sword, it cannot avail ; 26
 Nor the spear, the dart, nor the ¹pointed shaft.
 He counteth iron as straw, 27
 And brass as rotten wood.

² Heb. *son of
the bow.*

The ²arrow cannot make him flee : 28
 Slingstones are turned with him into stubble.
 Clubs are counted as stubble : 29
 He laugheth at the rushing of the javelin.
 His underparts are *like* sharp potsherds : 30
 He spreadeth *as it were* a threshing wain upon
 the mire.

He maketh the deep to boil like a pot : 31
 He maketh the sea like ointment.
 He maketh a path to shine after him ; 32
 One would think the deep to be hoary.
 Upon earth there is not his like, 33
 That is made without fear.

³ See ch.
xxviii. 8.

He beholdeth every thing that is high : 34
 He is king over all the ³sons of pride.

Then Job answered the LORD, and said, I 42
 know that thou canst do all things, 3
 And that no purpose of thine can be restrained.

- 3 ¹Who is this that hideth counsel without knowledge?

¹ See ch. xxxviii. 2.

Therefore have I uttered that which I understood not,

Things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.

- 4 Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak;

²I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

² See ch. xxxviii. 3, xl. 7.

- 5 I had heard of thee by the hearing of the ear;
But now mine eye seeth thee,

- 6 Wherefore I ³abhor *myself*, and repent
In dust and ashes.

³ Or, *loathe*
my words

- 7 And it was so, that after the LORD had spoken these words unto Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right,
8 as my servant Job hath. Now therefore, take unto you seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you; for him will I accept, that I deal not with you after your folly; for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my
9 servant Job hath. So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according as the LORD commanded
10 them: and the LORD accepted Job. And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: and the LORD gave Job
11 twice as much as he had before. Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him concerning all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him: every man also gave him a ⁴piece of

⁴ Heb. *kesitah*,

money, and every one a ring of gold. So the ¹²
LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than
his beginning: and he had fourteen thousand
sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand
yoke of oxen, and a thousand she-asses. He ¹³
had also seven sons and three daughters. And ¹⁴
he called the name of the first, Jemimah; and
the name of the second, Keziah; and the name
of the third, Keren-happuch. And in all the ¹⁵
land were no women found so fair as the
daughters of Job: and their father gave them
inheritance among their brethren. And after ¹⁶
this Job lived an hundred and forty years, and
saw his sons, and his sons' sons, *even* four
generations. So Job died, being old and full of ¹⁷
days.

THE PSALMS.

BOOK I.

- † 1 ¹ BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the ¹ Or, *Happy*
counsel of the wicked,
Nor standeth in the way of sinners,
Nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
- 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD ;
And in his law doth he meditate day and night.
- 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the
streams of water,
That bringeth forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also doth not wither ;
And ² whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. ² Or, *in*
whatsoever he
- 4 The wicked are not so ;
But are like the chaff which the wind driveth *doeth he shall*
away. *prosper*
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand in the
judgement,
Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous:
But the way of the wicked shall perish.
- 2 1 Why do the nations ³ rage,
And the peoples ⁴ imagine a vain thing ?
- 2 The kings of the earth set themselves,
And the rulers take counsel together,
Against the LORD, and against his anointed,
saying,
- 3 Let us break their bands asunder,
And cast away their cords from us.
- ³ Or, *tu-*
multuously
assemble
- ⁴ Or,
meditate

He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh : 4
 The Lord shall have them in derision.
 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, 5
¹ Or, *trouble* And ¹vex them in his sore displeasure :
 Yet I have set my king 6
 Upon my holy hill of Zion.

I will tell of the decree : 7
 The LORD said unto me, Thou art my son ;
 This day have I begotten thee.
 Ask of me, and I will give *thee* the nations for 8
 thine inheritance,
 And the uttermost parts of the earth for thy
 possession.
 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron ; 9
 Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's
 vessel.

Now therefore be wise, O ye kings : 10
 Be instructed, ye judges of the earth.
 Serve the LORD with fear, 11
 And rejoice with trembling.

² Some ancient versions
 render, *Lay
 hold of (or,
 Receive)
 instruction
 others,
 Worship in
 purity.*

² Kiss the son, lest he be angry, and ye perish 12
 in the way,
 For his wrath ³will soon be kindled.

⁴ Blessed are all they that ⁵put their trust in him.

³ Or, *may*

⁴ Or, *Happy*

⁵ Or, *take
 refuge*

A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom 3
 his son.

⁶ Or, *to*

⁷ Or,
salvation

LORD, how are mine adversaries increased ! 1
 Many are they that rise up against me.
 Many there be which say ⁶of my soul, 2
 There is no ⁷help for him in God. [Selah
 But thou, O LORD, art a shield about me ; 3
 My glory, and the lifter up of mine head.
 I cry unto the LORD with my voice, 4
 And he answereth me out of his holy hill. [Selah

- 5 I laid me down and slept ;
 I awaked ; for the LORD sustaineth me.
 6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of the
 people,
 That have set themselves against me round
 about.
 7 Arise, O LORD ; save me, O my God :
 For thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon
 the cheek bone ;
 Thou hast broken the teeth of the wicked.
 8 ¹ Salvation belongeth unto the LORD : ¹ Or, *Victory*
 Thy blessing be upon thy people. [Selah]
- 4 For the Chief Musician ; on stringed instruments.
 A Psalm of David.
- 1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteous-
 ness ;
 Thou hast set me at large *when I was* in distress :
² Have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer. ² Or, *Be gracious unto me*
 2 O ye sons of men, how long shall my glory be
 turned into dishonour ?
How long will ye love vanity, and seek after
 falsehood ? [Selah]
 3 But know that the LORD hath set apart ³him ³ Or, *one that he favoureth*
 that is godly for himself :
 The LORD will hear when I call unto him.
 4 ⁴Stand in awe, and sin not : ⁴ Or, *Be ye angry*
 Commune with your own heart upon your bed,
 and be still. [Selah]
 5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,
 And put your trust in the LORD.
 6 Many there be that say, Who will shew us *any*
 good ?
 LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance
 upon us.
 7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart,
 More than *they have* when their corn and their
 wine are increased.

¹ Or, *in solitude*

In peace will I both lay me down and sleep : 8
For thou, LORD, ¹alone makest me dwell in safety.

² Or, *wind instruments*

For the Chief Musician ; with the ²Nehiloth. 5
A Psalm of David.

Give ear to my words, O LORD, 1
Consider my meditation.
Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, ²
and my God :
For unto thee do I pray.
O LORD, in the morning shalt thou hear my ³
voice ;
In the morning will I order *my prayer* unto
thee, and will keep watch.
For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in ⁴
wickedness :

³ Or, *The evil man*

³ Evil shall not sojourn with thee.

⁴ Or, *Fools*

⁴The arrogant shall not stand in thy sight : 5
Thou hatest all workers of iniquity.
Thou shalt destroy them that speak lies : 6
The LORD abhorreth the bloodthirsty and
deceitful man.

But as for me, in the multitude of thy loving- 7
kindness will I come into thy house :
In thy fear will I worship toward thy holy
temple.

Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because 8
of ⁵mine enemies ;

⁵ Or, *them that lie in wait for me*

Make thy way plain before my face.

⁶ Or, *steadfastness*

For there is no ⁶faithfulness in their mouth ; 9

⁷ Or, *a yawning gulf*

Their inward part is ⁷very wickedness :

⁸ Heb. *make smooth their tongue.*

Their throat is an open sepulchre ;

⁹ Or, *from their counsels*

They ⁸flatter with their tongue.

Hold them guilty, O God ; 10

Let them fall ⁹by their own counsels :

Thrust them out in the multitude of their trans-
gressions ;

For they have rebelled against thee.

- 11 ¹But let all those that put their trust in thee
rejoice,
Let them ever shout for joy, because thou
defendest them :
Let them also that love thy name be joyful in
thee.
- 12 For thou wilt bless the righteous ;
O LORD, thou wilt compass him with favour as
with a shield.

¹ Or, *So shall
all those...
rejoice, they
shall ever
shout...and
thou shalt
defend them :
they also...
shall be joyful
in thee*

✱ 6 For the Chief Musician ; on stringed instruments,
set to ²the Sheminith. A Psalm of David.

² Or,
the eighth

- 1 O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger,
Neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.
- 2 Have mercy upon me, O LORD ; for I am
withered away :
O LORD, heal me ; for my bones are vexed.
- 3 My soul also is sore vexed :
And thou, O LORD, how long ?
- 4 Return, O LORD, deliver my soul :
Save me for thy lovingkindness' sake.
- 5 For in death there is no remembrance of thee :
In ³Sheol who shall give thee thanks ?
- 6 I am weary with my groaning ;
Every night make I my bed to swim ;
I water my couch with my tears.
- 7 Mine eye wasteth away because of grief ;
It waxeth old because of all mine adversaries.
- 8 Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity ;
For the LORD hath heard the voice of my
weeping.
- 9 The LORD hath heard my supplication ;
The LORD will receive my prayer.
- 10 All mine enemies shall be ashamed and sore
vexed :
They shall turn back, they shall be ashamed
suddenly.

³ See Gen.
xxxvii. 35.

Shiggaion of David, which he sang unto the LORD, **7**
concerning the words of Cush a Benjamite.

¹ Or, take
refuge

O LORD my God, in thee do I ¹put my trust : **1**
Save me from all them that pursue me, and
deliver me :

Lest he tear my soul like a lion, **2**
Rending it in pieces, while there is none to
deliver.

O LORD my God, if I have done this ; **3**
If there be iniquity in my hands ;
If I have rewarded evil unto him that was **4**
at peace with me ;

(Yea, I have delivered him that without cause
was mine adversary :)

• Let the enemy pursue my soul, and overtake **5**
it ;

Yea, let him tread my life down to the earth,
And lay my glory in the dust. [Selah
Arise, O LORD, in thine anger, **6**
Lift up thyself against the rage of mine ad-
versaries :

And awake for me ; thou hast commanded
judgement.

² Or, So shall ² And let the congregation of the peoples com- **7**
pass thee about :

And over them return thou on high.
The LORD ministereth judgement to the peo- **8**
ples :

Judge me, O LORD, according to my righteous-
ness, and to mine integrity ³that is in me.

³ Or, be it
unto me

Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an **9**
end, but establish thou the righteous :
For the righteous God trieth the hearts and
reins.

My shield is with God, **10**
Which saveth the upright in heart.

- 11 God is a righteous judge,
 Yea, a God that hath indignation every day.
 12 ¹ If a man turn not, he will whet his sword ;
 He hath bent his bow, and made it ready.
 13 He hath also prepared for him the instruments
 of death ;
 He maketh his arrows fiery *shafts*.
 14 Behold, he travaileth with iniquity ;
 Yea, he hath conceived mischief, and brought
 forth falsehood.
 15 He hath made a pit, and digged it,
 And is fallen into the ditch which he made.
 16 His mischief shall return upon his own head,
 And his violence shall come down upon his own
 pate.
 17 I will give thanks unto the LORD according
 to his righteousness :
 And will sing praise to the name of the LORD
 Most High.

¹ Or, *Surely*
he will again
whet

8 For the Chief Musician ; set to the Gittith. A Psalm
 of David.

- 1 O LORD, our Lord,
 How excellent is thy name in all the earth !
 Who ² hast set thy glory ³ upon the heavens.
 2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast
 thou established strength,
 Because of thine adversaries,
 That thou mightest still the enemy and the
 avenger.
 3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy
 fingers,
 The moon and the stars, which thou hast or-
 dained ;
 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him ?
 And the son of man, that thou visitest him ?
 5 For thou hast made him but little lower than
⁴ God,

² So some
 ancient
 versions.
 The Hebrew
 is obscure.

³ Or, *above*

⁴ Or, *the*
angels
 Heb. *Elohim*.

And crownest him with glory and honour.
 Thou madest him to have dominion over the 6
 works of thy hands ;
 Thou hast put all things under his feet :
 All sheep and oxen, 7
 Yea, and the beasts of the field ;
 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, 8
 Whatsoever passeth through the paths of the
 seas.
 O LORD, our Lord, 9
 How excellent is thy name in all the earth !

For the Chief Musician ; set to Muth-labben. 9
 A Psalm of David.

I will give thanks unto the LORD with my 1
 whole heart ;
 I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.
 I will be glad and exult in thee : 2
 I will sing praise to thy name, O thou ¹Most
 High.
 When mine enemies turn back, 3
 They stumble and perish at thy presence.
 For thou hast maintained my right and my 4
 cause ;
 Thou satest in the throne judging righteously.
 Thou hast rebuked the ²nations, thou hast 5
 destroyed the wicked,
 Thou hast blotted out their name for ever and
 ever.

¹ Or, *Most
High ; because
mine &c.*

² Or, *heathen*

³ Or, *O thou
enemy, desola-
tions are come
to a perpetual
end*

⁴ Or, *And
their cities
thou hast
overthrown*

⁵ Heb.
plucked up.

⁶ Or, *people*

³ The enemy are come to an end, they are 6
 desolate for ever ;
⁴ And the cities which thou hast ⁵overthrown,
 Their very memorial is perished.
 But the LORD sitteth *as king* for ever : 7
 He hath prepared his throne for judgement.
 And he shall judge the world in righteousness, 8
 He shall minister judgement to the ⁶peoples in
 uprightness.

- 9 The LORD also will be a high tower for the oppressed,
 A high tower in times of trouble ;
 10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee ;
 For thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

- 11 Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zion :

Declare among the ¹people his doings.

- 12 ²For he that maketh inquisition for blood remembereth them :

He forgetteth not the cry of the ³poor.

- 13 Have mercy upon me, O LORD ;

Behold my affliction *which I suffer* of them that hate me,

Thou that liftest me up from the gates of death ;

- 14 That I may shew forth all thy praise :

In the gates of the daughter of Zion,

I will rejoice in thy ⁴salvation.

- 15 The nations are sunk down in the pit that they made :

In the net which they hid is their own foot taken.

- 16 The LORD hath made himself known, he hath executed judgement :

⁵The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands.

[Higgaion. Selah

- 17 The wicked shall return to Sheol,

Even all the nations that forget God.

- 18 For the needy shall not alway be forgotten,

Nor the expectation of the ³poor perish for ever.

- 19 Arise, O LORD ; let not man prevail :

Let the nations be judged in thy sight.

- 20 Put them in fear, O LORD :

Let the nations know themselves to be but men.

[Selah

¹ Or, peoples

² Or, For when he maketh...he remembereth

³ Or, meek

⁴ Or, saving help

⁵ Or, He snareth the wicked

Why standest thou afar off, O LORD ? 1 10

Why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble ?

¹ Or, *he doth
hotly pursue
the poor*

In the pride of the wicked ¹ the poor ² is hotly ²
pursued ;

² Heb. *is set on
fire.*

³ Let them be taken in the devices that they
have imagined.

³ Or, *They
are taken*

For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, 3

⁴ Or, *blesseth
the covetous,
but contemneth
&c.*

And ⁴ the covetous renounceth, *yea*, ⁵ contemneth
the LORD.

⁵ Or, *revileth*

The wicked, in the pride of his countenance, ⁴
saith, He will not require *it*.

All his thoughts are, There is no God.

⁶ Or, *grievous*

His ways are ⁶ firm at all times ; 5

Thy judgements are far above out of his sight :

As for all his adversaries, he puffeth at them.

He saith in his heart, I shall not be moved : 6

To all generations I shall not be in adversity.

His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and ⁷

⁷ Or, *fraud*

⁷ oppression :

Under his tongue is mischief and iniquity.

He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages : 8

In the covert places doth he murder the innocent :

⁸ Or, *hapless*

His eyes are privily set against the ⁸ helpless.

He lurketh in the covert as a lion in his den : 9

He lieth in wait to catch the poor :

He doth catch the poor, when he draweth him
in his net.

⁹ Another
reading is,
*And being
crushed.*

⁹ He croucheth, he boweth down, 10

And the ⁸ helpless fall by his strong ones.

He saith in his heart, God hath forgotten : 11

He hideth his face ; he will never see it.

Arise, O LORD ; O God, lift up thine hand : 12

¹⁰ Or, *meek*

Forget not the ¹⁰ poor.

Wherefore doth the wicked condemn God, 13

And say in his heart, Thou wilt not require *it* ?

¹¹ Or, *travail
and grief*

Thou hast seen *it* ; for thou beholdest ¹¹ mischief 14
and spite, to take it into thy hand :

The ¹helpless committeth *himself* unto thee ; ¹ Or, *hapless*
 Thou hast been the helper of the fatherless.

15 Break thou the arm of the wicked ;
 And as for the evil man, seek out his wicked-
 ness till thou find none.

16 The LORD is King for ever and ever :
 The ²nations are perished out of his land. ² Or, *heathen*

17 LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the
 meek :
 Thou wilt ³prepare their heart, thou wilt cause ³ Or, *establish*
 thine ear to hear :

18 To judge the fatherless and the oppressed,
 That man which is of the earth may be terrible
 no more.

11 For the Chief Musician. *A Psalm of David.*

1 In the LORD put I my trust :
 How say ye to my soul,
 Flee ⁴as a bird to your mountain ? ⁴ Or, *ye birds*

2 For, lo, the wicked bend the bow,
 They make ready their arrow upon the string,
 That they may shoot in darkness at the upright
 in heart.

3 ⁵ If the foundations be destroyed,
 What can the righteous do ? ⁵ Or, *For the*
foundations

4 The LORD is in his holy temple,
 The LORD, his throne is in heaven ;
 His eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of
 men. *are destroyed ;*
what hath
the righteous
wrought ?

5 The LORD trieth the righteous :
 But the wicked and him that loveth violence
 his soul hateth.

6 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares ;
 Fire and brimstone and burning wind shall be
 the portion of their cup. ⁶ Or, *righteous*
deeds

7 For the LORD is righteous ; he loveth ⁷ Or, *His*
 righteousness : *countenance*
doth behold the
upright

⁷ The upright shall behold his face.

¹ Or, *the eighth*

For the Chief Musician; set to ¹the Sheminith.
A Psalm of David.

12

² Or, *faithfulness faileth*

Help, LORD; for the godly man ceaseth;
For ²the faithful fail from among the children
of men.

They speak vanity every one with his neighbour:
With flattering lip, and with a double heart, do
they speak.

The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips,
The tongue that speaketh great things:

Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail;
Our lips are ³our own: who is lord over us?
For the spoiling of the poor, for the sighing of
the needy,

³ Heb. *with us.*

Now will I arise, saith the LORD;
I will set him ⁴in safety at whom they puff.
The words of the LORD are pure words;
As silver tried in a furnace on the earth,
Purified seven times.

⁴ Or, *in the safety he putteth for*

Thou shalt keep them, O LORD,
Thou shalt preserve them from this generation
for ever.
The wicked walk on every side,
When vileness is exalted among the sons of
men.

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

13

How long, O LORD, wilt thou forget me for ever?

How long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

How long shall I take counsel in my soul,

Having sorrow in my heart all the day?

How long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?

Consider *and* answer me, O LORD my God:

Lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the *sleep of*
death;

4 Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against
him;

Lest mine adversaries rejoice when I am moved.

5 But I have trusted in thy mercy;

My heart shall rejoice in thy salvation:

6 I will sing unto the LORD,

Because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

14 For the Chief Musician. *A Psalm of David.*

1 The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.
They are corrupt, they have done abominable
works;

There is none that doeth good.

2 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the
children of men,

To see if there were any that did ¹understand, ¹ Or, *deal*
That did seek after God. *wisely*

3 They are all gone aside; they are together be-
come filthy;

There is none that doeth good, no, not one.

4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge?
Who eat up my people *as* they eat bread,
And call not upon the LORD.

5 There were they in great fear:
For God is in the generation of the righteous.

6 Ye put to shame the counsel of the poor,

²Because the LORD is his refuge.

² Or, *But*

7 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out
of Zion!

When the LORD ³bringeth back the captivity of ³ Or,
his people, *returneth to*

Then shall Jacob rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.

15 A Psalm of David.

1 LORD, who shall sojourn in thy ⁴tabernacle?
Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

⁴ Heb. *tent.*

He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness,

And speaketh truth in his heart.

¹ Or, *He slandereth*

¹ He that slandereth not with his tongue, 3

Nor doeth evil to his friend,

Nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.

² Or, *his*

In ² whose eyes a reprobate is despised ; 4

But he honoureth them that fear the LORD.

³ Or, *He sweareth*

³ He that sweareth ⁴ to his own hurt, and changeth not.

⁴ Some ancient versions have, *to his friend.*

⁵ He that putteth not out his money to usury, 5

⁵ Or, *He putteth*

Nor taketh reward against the innocent.

He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

Michtam of David.

16

Preserve me, O God : for in thee do I put my trust.

⁶ So the Sept., Vulg. and Syr. The Hebrew text as pointed reads, *Thou hast said, O my soul.*

⁶ I have said unto the LORD, Thou art ⁷ my Lord : 2
I have no good beyond thee.

⁸ As for the saints that are in the earth, 3

⁹ They are the excellent in whom is all my delight.

⁷ Or, *the Lord*

Their sorrows shall be multiplied that ¹⁰ exchange 4
the LORD for another *god* :

⁸ Or, *Unto*

Their drink offerings of blood will I not offer,

⁹ Or, *And the excellent... delight: their &c.*

Nor take their names upon my lips.

The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance 5
and of my cup :

¹⁰ Or, *give gifts for*

Thou maintainest my lot.

The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places ; 6

Yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the LORD, who hath given me 7
counsel :

Yea, my reins instruct me in the night seasons.

I have set the LORD always before me : 8

Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

- 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory re-
joiceth :
My flesh also shall dwell ¹in safety. ¹ Or,
confidently
10 For thou wilt not leave my soul to Sheol ;
Neither wilt thou suffer thine ²holy one to see ³corruption. ² Or, *godly*
Or, *beloved*
³ Or, *the pit*
11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life :
In thy presence is fulness of joy ;
In thy right hand there are pleasures for ever-
more.

17 A Prayer of David.

- 1 Hear the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry ;
Give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of
feigned lips.
2 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence ;
⁴Let thine eyes look upon equity. ⁴ Or, *Thine*
eyes behold
with equity
3 Thou hast proved mine heart ; thou hast visited
me in the night ;
Thou hast tried me, and ⁵findest nothing ;
I am purposed that my mouth shall not trans-
gress. ⁵ Or, *findest*
no evil purpose
in me ; my
mouth &c.
4 As for the works of men, by the word of thy lips
I have kept me from the ways of the violent.
5 My steps have held fast to thy paths,
My feet have not slipped.
6 I have called upon thee, for thou wilt answer
me, O God :
Incline thine ear unto me, *and* hear my speech.
7 Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou
that savest them which put their trust *in thee*
⁶From those that rise up *against them*, by thy
right hand. ⁶ Or, *From*
those that rise
up against thy
right hand
8 Keep me as the apple of the eye,
Hide me under the shadow of thy wings,
9 From the wicked that spoil me,
My deadly enemies, that compass me about.
10 ⁷They are inclosed in their own fat : ⁷ Or, *They*
have shut up
their heart :

With their mouth they speak proudly.
 They have now compassed us in our steps: 11
 They set their eyes to cast *us* down to the earth.
 He is like a lion that is greedy of his prey, 12
 And as it were a young lion lurking in secret
 places.

Arise, O LORD, 13

¹ Or, *Forestall*

¹ Confront him, cast him down:

² Or, *the wicked, which is thy sword*

Deliver my soul from ²the wicked by thy sword;
 From ³men, by thy hand, O LORD, 14

³ Or, *men which are thy hand*

⁴ From men of the world, whose portion is in
this life,

⁴ Or, *From men whose portion in life is of the world*

And whose belly thou fillest with thy treasure:

They are satisfied with children,

And leave the rest of their substance to their
 babes.

⁵ Or, *let me*

As for me, ⁵I shall behold thy face in righteous- 15
 ness:

⁶ Heb. *form*.
 See Num.
 xii. 8.

⁵ I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy
⁶likeness.

For the Chief Musician. *A Psalm* of David the 18
 servant of the LORD, ⁷who spake unto the LORD
 the words of this song in the day that the LORD
 delivered him from the hand of all his enemies,
 and from the hand of Saul: and he said,

⁷ See 2 Sam.
 xxii.

I love thee, O LORD, my strength. 1

The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my 2
 deliverer;

My God, my strong rock, in him will I trust;
 My shield, and the horn of my salvation, my
 high tower.

I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be 3
 praised:

So shall I be saved from mine enemies.

The cords of death compassed me, 4

⁸ Heb. *Belial*.

And the floods of ⁸ungodliness made me
 afraid.

- 5 The cords of Sheol were round about me;
The snares of death came upon me.
- 6 In my distress I called upon the LORD,
And cried unto my God:
He heard my voice out of his temple,
And my cry before him came into his ears.
- 7 Then the earth shook and trembled,
The foundations also of the mountains moved
And were shaken, because he was wroth.
- 8 There went up a smoke ¹out of his nostrils,
And fire out of his mouth devoured:
Coals were kindled by it.
- 9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down;
And thick darkness was under his feet.
- 10 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly:
Yea, he flew swiftly upon the wings of the wind.
- 11 He made darkness his hiding place, his pavilion
round about him;
Darkness of waters, thick clouds of the skies.
- 12 At the brightness before him his thick clouds
passed,
Hailstones and coals of fire.
- 13 The LORD also thundered in the heavens,
And the Most High uttered his voice;
Hailstones and coals of fire.
- 14 And he sent out his arrows, and scattered them;
²Yea, lightnings manifold, and discomfited them.
- 15 Then the channels of waters appeared,
And the foundations of the world were laid bare,
At thy rebuke, O LORD,
At the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.
- 16 He sent from on high, he took me;
He drew me out of ³many waters.
- 17 He delivered me from my strong enemy,
And from them that hated me, for they were
too mighty for me.
- 18 They came upon me in the day of my calamity:
But the LORD was my stay.

¹ Or, in his
wrath

² Or, And he
shot out
lightnings

³ Or, great

He brought me forth also into a large place; 19
 He delivered me, because he delighted in me.
 The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; 20
 According to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.
 For I have kept the ways of the LORD, 21
 And have not wickedly departed from my God.
 For all his judgements were before me, 22
 And I put not away his statutes from me.
 I was also perfect with him, 23
 And I kept myself from mine iniquity.
 Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness, 24
 According to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.
 With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; 25
 With the perfect man thou wilt shew thyself perfect;
 With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; 26
 And with the perverse thou wilt shew thyself froward.
 For thou wilt save the afflicted people; 27
 But the haughty eyes thou wilt bring down.
 For thou wilt light my lamp: 28
 The LORD my God will lighten my darkness.
 For by thee I run ¹upon a troop; 29
 And by my God do I leap over a wall.
 As for God, his way is perfect: 30
 The word of the LORD is tried;
 He is a shield unto all them that trust in him.
 For who is God, save the LORD? 31
 And who is a rock, beside our God?
 The God that girdeth me with strength, 32
 And maketh my way perfect.
 He maketh my feet like hinds' feet: 33
 And setteth me upon my high places.
 He teacheth my hands to war; 34

¹ Or, *through*

So that mine arms do bend a bow of brass.

35 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation:

And thy right hand hath holden me up,
And thy ¹gentleness hath made me great.

¹ Or,
condescension

36 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me,
And my ²feet have not slipped.

² Heb. *ankles*.

37 I will pursue mine enemies, and overtake them:
Neither will I turn again till they are consumed.

38 I will smite them through that they shall not be able to rise:

They shall fall under my feet.

39 For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle:

Thou hast ³subdued under me those that rose up against me.

³ Heb. *caused to bow*.

40 Thou hast also made mine enemies turn their backs unto me,

That I might cut off them that hate me.

41 They cried, but there was none to save:

Even unto the LORD, but he answered them not.

42 Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind:

I did ⁴cast them out as the mire of the streets.

⁴ Heb. *empty*.

43 Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people;

Thou ⁵hast made me the head of the nations:

⁵ Or, *wilt make*

A people whom I have not known shall serve me.

44 As soon as they hear of me they shall obey me:

The strangers shall ⁶submit themselves unto me.

⁶ Or, *yield feigned obedience*
Heb. *lie*.

45 The strangers shall fade away,

And shall come trembling out of their close places.

46 The LORD liveth; and blessed be my rock;

And exalted be the God of my salvation:

47 Even the God that executeth vengeance for me,

And subdueth peoples under me.

He rescueth me from mine enemies : 48
 Yea, thou liftest me up above them that rise up
 against me :
 Thou deliverest me from the violent man.
 Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, 49
 among the nations,
 And will sing praises unto thy name.
 Great ¹deliverance giveth he to his king ; 50
 And sheweth lovingkindness to his anointed,
 To David and to his seed, for evermore.

¹ Heb.
salvations.

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. 19

The heavens declare the glory of God ; 1
 And the firmament sheweth his handywork.
 Day unto day uttereth speech, 2
 And night unto night sheweth knowledge.
 There is no speech nor language ; 3
 Their voice cannot be heard.
 Their line is gone out through all the earth, 4
 And their words to the end of the world.
 In them hath he set a ²tabernacle for the sun,
 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his 5
 chamber,
 And rejoiceth as a strong man to run his course.
 His going forth is from the end of the heaven, 6
 And his circuit unto the ends of it :
 And there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
 The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the 7
 soul :
 The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise
 the simple.
 The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing 8
 the heart :
 The commandment of the LORD is pure, en-
 lightening the eyes.
 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for 9
 ever :

² Heb. *tent.*

The judgements of the LORD are true, *and*
righteous altogether.

- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than
much fine gold:

Sweeter also than honey and ¹the honeycomb.

- 11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned:

In keeping of them there is great reward.

- 12 Who can discern *his* errors?

Clear thou me from hidden *faults*.

- 13 Keep back thy servant also ²from presumptuous
sins;

¹ Heb. *the droppings of the honeycomb.*

² Or, *from the proud*

Let them not have dominion over me: then
shall I be perfect,

And I shall be clear from great transgression.

- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable in thy sight,
O LORD, my rock, and my redeemer.

20 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- 1 The LORD answer thee in the day of trouble;
The name of the God of Jacob set thee up on
high;

- 2 Send thee help from the sanctuary,
And ³strengthen thee out of Zion;

³ Or, *support*

- 3 Remember all thy ⁴offerings,
And ⁵accept thy burnt sacrifice;

⁴ Or, *meal offerings*

[Selah]

- 4 Grant thee thy heart's desire,
And fulfil all thy counsel.

⁵ Heb. *accept as fat.*

- 5 We will triumph in thy ⁶salvation,
And in the name of our God we will set up our
banners:

⁶ Or, *victory*

The LORD fulfil all thy petitions.

- 6 Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed;
He will answer him from his holy heaven
With the saving strength of his right hand.

- 7 Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses:
But we will make mention of the name of the
LORD our God.

They are bowed down and fallen : 8
But we are risen, and stand upright.

¹ Or, as
some ancient
versions have,
*O LORD, save
the king; and
answer &c.*

¹ Save, LORD : 9
Let the King answer us when we call.

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. **21**

The king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD ; 1
And in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!
Thou hast given him his heart's desire, 2
And hast not withholden the request of his
lips. [Selah

For thou preventest him with the blessings of ³
² goodness :

² Or, *good
things*

Thou settest a crown of fine gold on his head.
He asked life of thee, thou gavest it him ; 4
Even length of days for ever and ever.
His glory is great in thy salvation : 5
Honour and majesty dost thou lay upon him.

³ Heb. *settest
him to be
blessings.*
See Gen.
xiii. 2.

For thou ³ makest him most blessed for ever : 6
Thou makest him glad with joy in thy presence.
For the king trusteth in the LORD, 7
And through the lovingkindness of the Most
High he shall not be moved.

Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies : 8
Thy right hand shall find out those that hate
thee.

Thou shalt make them as a fiery furnace in the ⁹
time of thine ⁴ anger.

⁴ Or, *presence*
Heb.
countenance.

The LORD shall swallow them up in his wrath,
And the fire shall devour them.
Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth, 10
And their seed from among the children of men.
For they intended evil against thee : 11
They imagined a device, which they are not
able to perform.

For thou shalt make them turn their back, 12
Thou shalt make ready with thy bowstrings
against the face of them.

- 13 Be thou exalted, O LORD, in thy strength :
So will we sing and praise thy power.
- 22 For the Chief Musician ; set to ¹Aijeleth hash-Shahar. ¹ That is, *The hind of the morning.*
A Psalm of David.
- 1 My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me ?
² *Why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring ?* ² Or, *Far from my help are the words of my roaring.*
- 2 O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou answerest not ;
And in the night season, ³ and am not silent. ³ Or, *but find no rest*
- 3 But thou art holy,
O thou that ⁴ inhabitest the praises of Israel. ⁴ Or, *art enthroned upon*
- 4 Our fathers trusted in thee :
They trusted, and thou didst deliver them.
- 5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered :
They trusted in thee, and were not ashamed.
- 6 But I am a worm, and no man ;
A reproach of men, and despised of the people.
- 7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn :
They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying,*
- 8 ⁵ Commit *thyself* unto the LORD ; let him deliver him : ⁵ Or, *He trusted on the LORD, that he would deliver him*
Let him deliver him, seeing he delighteth in him.
- 9 But thou art he that took me out of the womb :
Thou didst make me trust *when I was* upon my mother's breasts.
- 10 I was cast upon thee from the womb :
Thou art my God from my mother's belly.
- 11 Be not far from me ; for trouble is near ;
For there is none to help.
- 12 Many bulls have compassed me :
Strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.
- 13 They gape upon me with their mouth,
As a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water,
And all my bones are out of joint :

My heart is like wax ;
 It is melted in the midst of my bowels.
 My strength is dried up like a potsherd ; 15
 And my tongue cleaveth to my jaws ;
 And thou hast brought me into the dust of death.

For dogs have compassed me : 16
 The assembly of evil-doers have inclosed me ;

¹ So the Sept., Vulg. and Syr. According to other ancient versions, *They bound.* The Hebrew text as pointed reads, *Like a lion.*

¹ They pierced my hands and my feet.
 I may tell all my bones ; 17

They look and stare upon me :
 They part my garments among them, 18

And upon my vesture do they cast lots.
 But be not thou far off, O LORD : 19

O thou my succour, haste thee to help me.
 Deliver my soul from the sword ; 20

² Heb. *My only one.*

² My darling from the power of the dog.
 Save me from the lion's mouth ; 21

Yea, from the horns of the wild-oxen thou hast answered me.

I will declare thy name unto my brethren : 22
 In the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

Ye that fear the LORD, praise him ; 23
 All ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him ;
 And stand in awe of him, all ye the seed of Israel.

For he hath not despised nor abhorred the 24
 affliction of the afflicted ;

Neither hath he hid his face from him ;
 But when he cried unto him, he heard.

Of thee cometh my praise in the great con- 25
 gregation :

I will pay my vows before them that fear him.
 The meek shall eat and be satisfied : 26

They shall praise the LORD that seek after him :

Let your heart live for ever.

- 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and
turn unto the LORD :
And all the kindreds of the nations shall worship
before thee.
- 28 For the kingdom is the LORD'S :
And he is the ruler over the nations.
- 29 All the fat ones of the earth shall eat and
worship :
All they that go down to the dust shall bow
before him,
Even he that cannot keep his soul alive.
- 30 A seed shall serve him ;
¹ It shall be told of the Lord unto the *next* generation. ¹ Or, *It shall
be counted
unto the
Lord for his
generation*
- 31 They shall come and shall declare his right-
eousness
Unto a people that shall be born, that he hath
done it.

23

A Psalm of David.

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd ; I shall not want.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures :
He leadeth me beside the ²still waters. ² Heb. *waters
of rest.*
- 3 He restoreth my soul :
He guideth me in the paths of righteousness for
his name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of ³the
shadow of death, ³ Or, *deep
darkness
(and so
elsewhere)*
I will fear no evil ; for thou art with me :
Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies :
Thou hast anointed my head with oil ; my
cup runneth over.
- 6 ⁴ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me ⁴ Or, *Only*
all the days of my life :
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD ⁵for ⁵ Heb.
*for length
of days.*
ever.

A Psalm of David.

24 +

The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; 1
 The world, and they that dwell therein.
 For he hath founded it upon the seas, 2
 And established it upon the floods.
 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? 3
 And who shall stand in his holy place?
 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; 4
 Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity,
 And hath not sworn deceitfully.
 He shall receive a blessing from the LORD, 5
 And righteousness from the God of his salva-
 tion.

This is the generation of them that seek after him, 6
 That seek thy face, ¹O ²God of Jacob. [Selah

¹ Or, even
Jacob

² So some
 ancient
 versions.

³ Or, *ancient*

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; 7
 And be ye lift up, ye ³everlasting doors:
 And the King of glory shall come in.
 Who is the King of glory? 8
 The LORD strong and mighty,
 The LORD mighty in battle.
 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; 9
 Yea, lift them up, ye ³everlasting doors:
 And the King of glory shall come in.
 Who is this King of glory? 10
 The LORD of hosts,
 He is the King of glory. [Selah

A Psalm of David.

25

Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul. 1
 O my God, in thee have I trusted, 2
 Let me not be ashamed;
 Let not mine enemies triumph over me.
 Yea, none that wait on thee shall be ashamed: 3
 They shall be ashamed that deal treacherously
 without cause.

- 4 Shew me thy ways, O LORD ;
 Teach me thy paths.
 5 Guide me in thy truth, and teach me ;
 For thou art the God of my salvation ;
 On thee do I wait all the day.
 6 Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and
 thy lovingkindnesses ;
 For they have been ever of old.
 7 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my
 transgressions ;
 According to thy lovingkindness remember thou
 me,
 For thy goodness' sake, O LORD.
 8 Good and upright is the LORD ;
 Therefore will he instruct sinners in the way.
 9 The meek will he guide in judgement :
 And the meek will he teach his way.
 10 All the paths of the LORD are lovingkindness
 and truth
 Unto such as keep his covenant and his testi-
 monies.
 11 For thy name's sake, O LORD,
 Pardon mine iniquity, for it is great.
 12 What man is he that feareth the LORD ?
 Him shall he instruct in the way that he shall
 choose.
 13 His soul shall dwell at ease ;
 And his seed shall inherit the land.
 14 The 'secret of the LORD is with them that fear
 him ;
²And he will shew them his covenant.
 15 Mine eyes are ever toward the LORD ;
 For he shall pluck my feet out of the net.
 16 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me ;
 For I am desolate and afflicted.
 17 The troubles of my heart ³are enlarged :
 O bring thou me out of my distresses.
 18 Consider mine affliction and my travail ;

¹ Or, *counsel*
 Or, *friendship*

² Or, *And his*
covenant, to
make them
know it

³ Or, as
 otherwise
 read, *relieve*
thou, and bring
me &c.

And forgive all my sins.
 Consider mine enemies, for they are many ; 19
 And they hate me with cruel hatred.
 O keep my soul, and deliver me : 20
 Let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in thee.
 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, 21
 For I wait on thee.
 Redeem Israel, O God, 22
 Out of all his troubles.

A Psalm of David.

26

Judge me, O LORD, for I have walked in mine integrity :

¹ Or, *I shall not slide*

I have trusted also in the LORD ¹ without wavering.

Examine me, O LORD, and prove me ; 2

Try my reins and my heart.

For thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes ; 3

And I have walked in thy truth.

I have not sat with vain persons ; 4

Neither will I go in with dissemblers.

I hate the congregation of evil-doers, 5

And will not sit with the wicked.

I will wash mine hands in innocency ; 6

So will I compass thine altar, O LORD :

² Or, *publish with the voice of thanksgiving*

That I may ² make the voice of thanksgiving to 7
 be heard,

And tell of all thy wondrous works.

LORD, I love the habitation of thy house, 8

And the place ³ where thy glory dwelleth.

³ Heb. *of the tabernacle of thy glory.*

⁴ Gather not my soul with sinners, 9

⁴ Or, *Take not away*

Nor my life with men of blood :

In whose hands is mischief, 10

And their right hand is full of bribes.

But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity : 11

Redeem me, and be merciful unto me.

My foot standeth in an even place : 12

In the congregations will I bless the LORD.

27

A Psalm of David.

- ¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation ; whom
 shall I fear ?
 The LORD is the ¹ strength of my life ; of whom ¹ Or, *strong*
 shall I be afraid ? *hold*
- ² When evil-doers came upon me to eat up my
 flesh,
Even mine adversaries and my foes, they stum-
 bled and fell.
- ³ Though an host should encamp against me,
 My heart shall not fear :
 Though war should rise against me,
² Even then will I be confident. ² Or, *In this*
- ⁴ One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will
 I seek after ;
 That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all
 the days of my life,
 To behold ³ the beauty of the LORD, and to ³ Or, *the*
⁴ inquire in his temple. ⁴ Or, *consider* ³ Or, *the*
⁵ For in the day of trouble he shall keep me *pleasantness*
 secretly in his pavilion : ⁴ Or, *consider* ⁵ Heb. *tent*
 In the covert of his ⁵ tabernacle shall he hide me ; ⁵ Heb. *tent*.
 He shall lift me up upon a rock.
- ⁶ And now shall mine head be lifted up above
 mine enemies round about me ;
 And I will offer in his ⁶ tabernacle sacrifices of
⁶ joy ; ⁶ Or, *shouting*
 I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the ⁶ Or, *trumpet-*
 LORD. *sound*
- ⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice :
 Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.
- ⁸ *When thou saidst*, Seek ye my face ; my heart
 said unto thee,
 Thy face, LORD, will I seek.
- ⁹ Hide not thy face from me ;
 Put not thy servant away in anger :

Thou hast been my help ;
Cast me not off, neither forsake me, O God of
my salvation.

¹ Or, *When
my father and
my mother
forsake me,
the LORD &c.*

¹ For my father and my mother have forsaken 10
me,

But the LORD will take me up.

Teach me thy way, O LORD ;

11

And lead me in a plain path,

Because of ² mine enemies.

² Or, *them
that lie in
wait for me*

Deliver me not over unto the will of mine 12
adversaries :

For false witnesses are risen up against me, and
such as breathe out cruelty.

I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the 13
goodness of the LORD

In the land of the living.

Wait on the LORD :

14

Be strong, and let thine heart take courage ;

Yea, wait thou on the LORD.

A Psalm of David.

28

Unto thee, O LORD, will I call ;

1

My rock, be not thou deaf unto me :

Lest, if thou be silent unto me,

I become like them that go down into the pit.

Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry 2
unto thee,

³ Or, *toward
the innermost
place of thy
sanctuary*

When I lift up my hands ³toward thy holy
oracle.

Draw me not away with the wicked,

3

And with the workers of iniquity ;

Which speak peace with their neighbours,

But mischief is in their hearts.

Give them according to their work, and accord- 4
ing to the wickedness of their doings :

Give them after the operation of their hands ;

Render to them their desert.

Because they regard not the works of the LORD, 5

Nor the operation of his hands,
He shall break them down and not build them
up.

- 6 Blessed be the LORD,
Because he hath heard the voice of my sup-
plications.
7 The LORD is my strength and my shield;
My heart hath trusted in him, and I am helped:
Therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth;
And with my song will I praise him.
8 The LORD is ¹their strength,
And he is a strong hold of salvation to his
anointed.
9 Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance:
Feed them also, and bear them up for ever.

¹ According to
some ancient
versions, *a
strength unto
his people.*

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A Psalm of David.

- 1 Give unto the LORD, O ye ²sons of the ³mighty,
Give unto the LORD glory and strength.
2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name;
Worship the LORD ⁴in the beauty of holiness.
3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters:
The God of glory thundereth,
Even the LORD upon ⁵many waters.
4 The voice of the LORD is powerful;
The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
5 The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars;
Yea, the LORD breaketh in pieces the cedars of
Lebanon.
6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf;
Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild-ox.
7 The voice of the LORD ⁶cleaveth the flames of fire.
8 The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness;
The LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.
9 The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to
calve,

² Or, *sons of
God*

³ Or, *gods*
See Ex. xv.
11.

⁴ Or, *in holy
array*

⁵ Or, *great*

⁶ Or, *heaveth
out flames of
fire*

And strippeth the forests bare :
And in his temple every thing saith, Glory.

The LORD sat *as king* at the Flood ; 10
Yea, the LORD sitteth as king for ever.
The LORD will give strength unto his people ; 11
The LORD will bless his people with peace.

A Psalm ; a Song at the Dedication of the House ; 30 7
a Psalm of David.

¹ Or, *drawn* I will extol thee, O LORD ; for thou hast ¹raised 1
me up,
And hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.
O LORD my God, 2
I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.
O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from 3
Sheol :

² Another reading is,
from among them that go down to the pit.
Thou hast kept me alive, ²that I should not go
down to the pit.
Sing praise unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, 4
And give thanks to his holy ³name.

³ Heb. *memorial.*
For his anger is but for a moment ; 5
⁴In his favour is life :

⁴ Or, *His* Weeping ⁵may tarry for the night,
favour is for a life time But joy *cometh* in the morning.
⁵ Heb. *may* As for me, I said in my prosperity, 6
come in to lodge at even. I shall never be moved.

Thou, LORD, of thy favour hadst made my 7
mountain to stand strong :

Thou didst hide thy face ; I was troubled.
I cried to thee, O LORD ; 8

And unto the LORD I made supplication :
What profit is there in my blood, when I go 9
down to the pit ?

Shall the dust praise thee ? shall it declare thy
truth ?

Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me : 10
LORD, be thou my helper.

- 11 Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing;
 Thou hast loosed my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness:
 12 To the end that *my* glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent.
 O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

31 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- 1 In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed:
 Deliver me in thy righteousness.
 2 Bow down thine ear unto me; deliver me speedily:
 Be thou to me a strong rock, an house of¹ defence to save me. ¹ Heb. fortresses.
 3 For thou art my rock and my fortress;
 Therefore for thy name's sake lead me and guide me.
 4 Pluck me out of the net that they have laid privily for me;
 For thou art my strong hold.
 5 Into thine hand I commend my spirit:
 Thou hast redeemed me, O LORD, thou God of truth.
 6 I hate them that regard lying vanities:
 But I trust in the LORD.
 7 I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy:
 For thou hast seen my affliction;
 Thou hast known² my soul in adversities: ² Or, the adversities of my soul
 8 And thou hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy;
 Thou hast set my feet in a large place.
 9 Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in distress:
 Mine eye wasteth away with grief, *yea*, my soul and my body.

For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years 10
with sighing:
My strength faileth because of mine iniquity,
and my bones are wasted away.
Because of all mine adversaries I am become a 11
reproach,
Yea, unto my neighbours exceedingly, and a
fear to mine acquaintance:
They that did see me without fled from me.
I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: 12
I am like a broken vessel.
For I have heard the defaming of many, 13
Terror on every side:
While they took counsel together against me,
They devised to take away my life.
But I trusted in thee, O LORD: 14
I said, Thou art my God.
My times are in thy hand: 15
Deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and
from them that persecute me.
Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: 16
Save me in thy lovingkindness.
Let me not be ashamed, O LORD; for I have 17
called upon thee:
Let the wicked be ashamed, let them be silent
in Sheol.
Let the lying lips be dumb; 18
Which speak against the righteous insolently,
With pride and contempt.
Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast 19
laid up for them that fear thee,
Which thou hast wrought for them that put their
trust in thee, before the sons of men!
In the covert of thy presence shalt thou hide 20
them from the plottings of man:
Thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from
the strife of tongues.
Blessed be the LORD: 21

For he hath shewed me his marvellous loving-kindness in a strong city.

- 22 As for me, I said in my ¹haste, I am cut off from ¹Or, *alarm*
before thine eyes:

Nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.

- 23 O love the LORD, all ye his saints:
The LORD preserveth ²the faithful, ²Or, *faithfulness*
And plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

- 24 Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
All ye that ³hope in the LORD. ³Or, *wait for*

32 *A Psalm of David. Maschil.*

- 1 Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

- 2 Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity,
And in whose spirit there is no guile.

- 3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old
Through my roaring all the day long.

- 4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me:
My moisture was changed ⁴as with the drought ⁴Or, *into*
of summer. [Selah]

- 5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid:

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD;

And thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. [Selah]

- 6 For this let every one that is godly pray unto thee ⁵in a time when thou mayest be found: ⁵Or, *in the time of finding out sin*
Surely when the great waters overflow they shall not reach unto him.

- 7 Thou art my hiding place; thou wilt preserve me from trouble;

Thou wilt compass me about with songs of deliverance. [Selah]

- 8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go:

I will counsel thee with mine eye upon thee.
Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which 9
have no understanding:

Whose trappings must be bit and bridle to hold
them in,

¹ Or, *That
they come not
near*

¹ *Else* they will not come near unto thee.

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: 10

But he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall
compass him about.

Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: 11

And shout for joy, all ye that are upright in
heart.

Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous: 1 **33**

Praise is comely for the upright.

Give thanks unto the LORD with harp: 2

Sing praises unto him with the psaltery of ten
strings.

Sing unto him a new song; 3

Play skilfully with a loud noise.

For the word of the LORD is right; 4

And all his work is *done* in faithfulness.

He loveth righteousness and judgement: 5

The earth is full of the lovingkindness of the
LORD.

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; 6

And all the host of them by the breath of his
mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together as 7
an heap:

He layeth up the deeps in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the LORD: 8

Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in
awe of him.

For he spake, and it was done; 9

He commanded, and it stood fast.

The LORD bringeth the counsel of the nations 10
to nought:

He maketh the thoughts of the peoples to be of none effect.

11 The counsel of the LORD standeth fast for ever,
The thoughts of his heart to all generations.

12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD;
The people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

13 The LORD looketh from heaven;
He beholdeth all the sons of men;

14 From the place of his habitation he looketh forth
Upon all the inhabitants of the earth;

15 He that fashioneth the hearts of them all,
That considereth all their works.

16 There is no king saved by ¹the multitude of an ¹Or, a great
host: power

A mighty man is not delivered by great strength.

17 An horse is a vain thing for safety:
Neither shall he deliver any by his great power.

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that
fear him,

Upon them that ²hope in his mercy;

² Or, wait for

19 To deliver their soul from death,
And to keep them alive in famine.

20 Our soul hath waited for the LORD:
He is our help and our shield.

21 For our heart shall rejoice in him,
Because we have trusted in his holy name.

22 Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us,
According as we ²have hoped in thee.

34 *A Psalm of David; when he ³changed his behaviour* ³Or, feigned
before Abimelech, who drove him away, and he madness
departed.

1 I will bless the LORD at all times:
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD:
The meek shall hear thereof, and be glad.

3 O magnify the LORD with me,

And let us exalt his name together.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me, 4
And delivered me from all my fears.
They looked unto him, and were lightened: 5
And their faces shall never be confounded.
This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, 6
And saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the LORD encampeth round about 7
them that fear him,
And delivereth them.
O taste and see that the LORD is good: 8
Blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
O fear the LORD, ye his saints: 9
For there is no want to them that fear him.
The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: 10
But they that seek the LORD shall not want any
good thing.
Come, ye children, hearken unto me: 11
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
What man is he that desireth life, 12
And loveth *many* days, that he may see good?
Keep thy tongue from evil, 13
And thy lips from speaking guile.
Depart from evil, and do good; 14
Seek peace, and pursue it.
The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous, 15
And his ears are *open* unto their cry.
The face of the LORD is against them that do 16
evil,
To cut off the remembrance of them from the
earth.
The righteous cried, and the LORD heard, 17
And delivered them out of all their troubles.
The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken 18
heart,
And saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.
Many are the afflictions of the righteous: 19
But the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

- 20 He keepeth all his bones :
Not one of them is broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked :
And they that hate the righteous shall be ¹con- ¹ Or, *held*
demned. *guilty*
- 22 The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants :
And none of them that trust in him shall be
¹condemned.

35 *A Psalm of David.*

- 1 Strive thou, O LORD, with them that strive with
me :
Fight thou against them that fight against me.
- 2 Take hold of shield and buckler,
And stand up for mine help.
- 3 Draw out also the spear, ²and stop the way ² Or, *and the*
against them that pursue me : *battle axe*
Say unto my soul, I am thy salvation. *against &c.*
- 4 Let them be ashamed and brought to dishonour
that seek after my soul :
Let them be turned back and confounded that
devise my hurt.
- 5 Let them be as chaff before the wind,
And the angel of the LORD driving *them* on.
- 6 Let their way be ³dark and slippery,
And the angel of the LORD pursuing them. ³ Heb. *darkness and*
slippery places.
- 7 For without cause have they hid for me ⁴their ⁴ Or, *the pit*
net *in* a pit, *of their net*
Without cause have they digged *a pit* for my soul.
- 8 Let destruction come upon him at unawares ;
And let his net that he hath hid catch himself :
⁵With destruction let him fall therein. ⁵ Or, *Into*
that very
destruction
let him fall
- 9 And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD :
It shall rejoice in his salvation.
- 10 All my bones shall say, LORD, who is like unto
thee,
Which deliverest the poor from him that is too
strong for him,

Yea, the poor and the needy from him that
spoileth him ?

¹ Or,
Malicious
See Ex. xxiii. 1.

¹ Unrighteous witnesses rise up ; 11

They ask me of things that I know not.

They reward me evil for good, 12

To the bereaving of my soul.

But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing 13
was sackcloth :

I afflicted my soul with fasting ;

² Or, *shall*
return

And my prayer ²returned into mine own bosom.

I behaved myself as though it had been my 14
friend or my brother :

I bowed down mourning, as one that bewaileth
his mother.

But when I halted they rejoiced, and gathered 15
themselves together :

³ Or, *smilers*

The ³abjects gathered themselves together

against me, and ⁴I knew *it* not ;

⁴ Or, those
whom *I knew*
not

They did tear me, and ceased not :

⁵ Or, *Among*

⁵ Like the profane mockers in feasts, 16

They gnashed upon me with their teeth,

Lord, how long wilt thou look on ? 17

Rescue my soul from their destructions,

⁶ Heb. *My*
only one.

⁶ My darling from the lions.

I will give thee thanks in the great congrega- 18
tion :

⁷ Or, *a mighty*
people

I will praise thee among ⁷much people.

⁸ Heb. *falsely.*

Let not them that are mine enemies ⁸wrongfully 19
rejoice over me :

Neither let them wink with the eye that hate
me without a cause.

For they speak not peace : 20

But they devise deceitful words against them
that are quiet in the land.

Yea, they opened their mouth wide against 21
me ;

They said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it.

Thou hast seen it, O LORD ; keep not silence : 22

O Lord, be not far from me.

23 Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgement,
Even unto my cause, my God and my Lord.

24 Judge me, O LORD my God, according to thy
righteousness ;

And let them not rejoice over me.

25 Let them not say in their heart, ¹Aha, so would
we have it : ¹ Heb. *Aha*,
our desire.

Let them not say, We have swallowed him up.

26 Let them be ashamed and confounded together
that rejoice at mine hurt :

Let them be clothed with shame and dishonour
that magnify themselves against me.

27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that ²favour
my righteous cause : ² Heb. *have*
pleasure in my
righteousness.

Yea, let them say continually, The LORD be
magnified,

Which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his
servant.

28 And my tongue shall talk of thy righteousness,
And of thy praise all the day long.

36 For the Chief Musician. *A Psalm* of David the
servant of the LORD.

1 ³The transgression of the wicked ⁴saith within
⁵my heart,

There is no fear of God before his eyes.

2 For ⁶he flattereth himself in his own eyes,

⁷That his iniquity shall not be found out and be
hated.

3 The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit :
He hath left off to be wise *and* to do good.

4 He deviseth iniquity upon his bed ;

He setteth himself in a way that is not good ;

He abhorreth not evil.

5 Thy lovingkindness, O LORD, is in the heavens ;

Thy faithfulness *reacheth* unto the skies.

³ Or, *Trans-
gression saith
to the wicked*

⁴ Or, *uttereth
its oracle*

⁵ Or,
according to
many ancient
versions, *his*

⁶ Or, *it (or, he)
flattereth him
in his eyes*

⁷ Or, *Until
his iniquity be
found and be
hated*

Heb.
*Concerning
the finding
out of his
iniquity and
hating it.*

Thy righteousness is like the mountains of God; 6
 Thy judgements are a great deep :
 O LORD, thou preservest man and beast.
 How precious is thy lovingkindness, O God ! 7
 And the children of men take refuge under the
 shadow of thy wings.
 They shall be ¹abundantly satisfied with the 8
 fatness of thy house ;
 And thou shalt make them drink of the river of
 thy pleasures.
 For with thee is the fountain of life : 9
 In thy light shall we see light.
 O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that 10
 know thee ;
 And thy righteousness to the upright in heart.
 Let not the foot of pride come against me, 11
 And let not the hand of the wicked drive me
 away.
 There are the workers of iniquity fallen : 12
 They are thrust down, and shall not be able to
 rise.

¹ Heb.
watered.

A Psalm of David.

37

Fret not thyself because of evil-doers, 1
 Neither be thou envious against them that work
 unrighteousness.
 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, 2
 And wither as the green herb.
 Trust in the LORD, and do good ; 3
²Dwell in the land, and ³follow after faithfulness.
⁴Delight thyself also in the LORD ; 4
 And he shall give thee the ⁵desires of thine
 heart.
⁶Commit thy way unto the LORD ; 5
 Trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass.
 And he shall make thy righteousness to go forth 6
 as the light,
 And thy judgement as the noonday.

² Or, *So shalt
 thou dwell in
 the land and
 feed securely*

³ Heb. *feed on.*

⁴ Or, *So shalt
 thou have thy
 delight in &c.*

⁵ Heb.
petitions.

⁶ Heb. *Roll
 thy way upon
 the LORD.*

- 7 ¹ Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him :
 Fret not thyself because of him who prospereth
 in his way,
 Because of the man who bringeth wicked devices
 to pass.
- 8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath :
 Fret not thyself, *it tendeth* only to evil-doing.
- 9 For evil-doers shall be cut off :
 But those that wait upon the LORD, they shall
 inherit ²the land.
- 10 For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not
 be :
 Yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and
³he shall not be.
- 11 But the meek shall inherit the land ;
 And shall delight themselves in the abundance
 of peace.
- 12 The wicked plotteth against the just,
 And gnasheth upon him with his teeth.
- 13 The Lord shall laugh at him :
 For he seeth that his day is coming.
- 14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have
 bent their bow ;
 To cast down the poor and needy,
 To slay such as be upright in the way :
- 15 Their sword shall enter into their own heart,
 And their bows shall be broken.
- 16 Better is a little that the righteous hath
 Than the abundance of many wicked.
- 17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken :
 But the LORD upholdeth the righteous.
- 18 The LORD knoweth the days of the perfect :
 And their inheritance shall be for ever.
- 19 They shall not be ashamed in the time of evil :
 And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.
- 20 But the wicked shall perish,
 And the enemies of the LORD shall be as ⁴the
 excellency of the pastures :

¹ Or, *Be still*
before (Heb.
silent to) the
 LORD

² Or, *the earth*
 (and so in vv.
 11, 22, 29, 34)

³ Or, *it*

⁴ Or, *the*
fat of lambs

¹ Or, *like
smoke*

They shall consume ; ¹in smoke shall they consume away.

The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again : 21

But the righteous dealeth graciously, and giveth.

For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the 22
land ;

And they that be cursed of him shall be cut off.

A man's goings are established of the LORD ; 23

And he delighteth in his way.

Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast 24
down :

² Or, *uphold-
eth his hand*

For the LORD ²upholdeth him with his hand.

I have been young, and now am old ; 25

Yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken,

Nor his seed begging *their* bread.

All the day long he dealeth graciously, and 26
lendeth ;

And his seed is blessed.

Depart from evil, and do good ; 27

And dwell for evermore.

For the LORD loveth judgement, 28

And forsaketh not his saints ;

They are preserved for ever :

But the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

The righteous shall inherit the land, 29

And dwell therein for ever.

The mouth of the righteous talketh of wisdom, 30

And his tongue speaketh judgement.

The law of his God is in his heart ; 31

None of his steps shall slide.

The wicked watcheth the righteous, 32

And seeketh to slay him.

The LORD will not leave him in his hand, 33

Nor condemn him when he is judged.

Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, 34

And he shall exalt thee to inherit the land :

When the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.

I have seen the wicked in great power, 35

And spreading himself like a green tree in its native soil.

36 ¹But ²one passed by, and, lo, he was not :
Yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.

37 Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright :
For ³the latter end of *that* man is peace.

38 As for transgressors, they shall be destroyed together :

The latter end of the wicked shall be cut off.

39 But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD :

He is their strong hold in the time of trouble.

40 And the LORD helpeth them, and rescueth them :
He rescueth them from the wicked, and saveth them,

Because they have taken refuge in him.

¹ Or, *Yet he passed away*

² Or, according to some ancient versions, *I passed by*

³ Or, *there is a reward (or, future or, posterity) for the man of peace*

7 38 A Psalm of David, ⁴to bring to remembrance.

⁴ Or, *to make memorial*

1 O LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath:
Neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

2 For thine arrows ⁵stick fast in me,
And thy hand ⁶presseth me sore.

⁵ Heb. *lighted on me.*

3 There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine indignation ;

Neither is there any ⁶health in my bones because of my sin.

⁶ Or, *rest*

4 For mine iniquities are gone over mine head :
As an heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

5 My wounds stink and are corrupt,
Because of my foolishness.

6 I am ⁷pained and bowed down greatly ;
I go mourning all the day long.

⁷ Heb. *bent.*

7 For my loins are filled with burning ;
And there is no soundness in my flesh.

8 I am faint and sore bruised :
I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.

Lord, all my desire is before thee ; 9
 And my groaning is not hid from thee.
 My heart throbberh, my strength faileth 10
 me :

As for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone
 from me.

My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my 11
 plague ;

And my kinsmen stand afar off.

They also that seek after my life lay snares *for* 12
me ;

And they that seek my hurt speak mischievous
 things,

And imagine deceits all the day long.

But I, as a deaf man, hear not ; 13

And I am as a dumb man that openeth not his
 mouth.

Yea, I am as a man that heareth not, 14

¹ Or, arguments

And in whose mouth are no ¹reproofs. 15

For in thee, O LORD, do I hope :

Thou wilt answer, O Lord my God. 16

For I said, Lest they rejoice over me :
 When my foot slippeth, they magnify them-
 selves against me.

For I am ready to halt, 17

And my sorrow is continually before me.

For I will declare mine iniquity ; 18

I will be sorry for my sin.

But mine enemies are lively, *and* are strong : 19

² Heb. *falsely*. And they that hate me ²wrongfully are multi-
 plied.

They also that render evil for good 20

Are adversaries unto me, because I follow the
 thing that is good.

Forsake me not, O LORD : 21

O my God, be not far from me.

Make haste to help me, 22

O Lord my salvation.

39 For the Chief Musician, for Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

- ¹ I said, I will take heed to my ways,
 That I sin not with my tongue:
 I will keep ¹ my mouth with a bridle,
 While the wicked is before me.
- ² I was dumb with silence, I held my peace,
² even from good;
 And my sorrow was stirred.
- ³ My heart was hot within me;
 While I was musing the fire kindled:
 Then spake I with my tongue:
- ⁴ LORD, make me to know mine end,
 And the measure of my days, what it is;
 Let me know how frail I am.
- ⁵ Behold, thou hast made my days as hand-
 breadths;
 And mine age is as nothing before thee:
 Surely every man ³ at his best estate is altogether
⁴ vanity. [Selah]
- ⁶ Surely every man walketh ⁵ in a vain shew:
 Surely they are disquieted ⁶ in vain:
 He heapeth up *riches*, and knoweth not who
 shall gather them.
- ⁷ And now, Lord, what wait I for?
 My hope is in thee.
- ⁸ Deliver me from all my transgressions:
 Make me not the reproach of the foolish.
- ⁹ I was dumb, I opened not my mouth;
 Because thou didst it.
- ¹⁰ Remove thy stroke away from me:
 I am consumed by the ⁷ blow of thine hand.
- ¹¹ When thou with rebukes dost correct man for
 iniquity,
 Thou ⁸ makest his beauty to consume away like
 a moth:
 Surely every man is ⁴ vanity. [Selah]

¹ Heb. a
 bridle (or,
 muzzle) for
 my mouth.

² Or, and had
 no comfort
 Heb. away
 from good.

³ Heb.
 standing firm.

⁴ Heb. a
 breath.

⁵ Or, as a
 shadow

⁶ Or, for
 vanity

⁷ Heb.
 conflict.

⁸ Or, consumest
 like a moth his
 delights

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear unto
my cry ; 12

Hold not thy peace at my tears :

For I am a stranger with thee,

A sojourner, as all my fathers were.

¹ Or, *Look
away from me*

¹O spare me, that I may ²recover strength, 13

² Heb.
brighten up.

Before I go hence, and be no more.

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

40

I waited patiently for the LORD ;

1

And he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

³ Heb. *a pit
of tumult or
destruction.*

He brought me up also out of ³an horrible pit, ²
out of the miry clay ;

And he set my feet upon a rock, and established
my goings.

And he hath put a new song in my mouth, ³
even praise unto our God :

Many shall see it, and fear,

And shall trust in the LORD.

Blessed is the man that maketh the LORD his ⁴
trust,

⁴ Or, *fall away
treacherously*

And respecteth not the proud, nor such as ⁴turn
aside to lies.

Many, O LORD my God, are the wonderful ⁵
works which thou hast done,

And thy thoughts which are to us-ward :

⁵ Or, *There is
none to be
compared unto
thee*

⁵ They cannot be set in order unto thee ;

If I would declare and speak of them,

They are more than can be numbered.

⁶ Or, *meal
offering*

Sacrifice and ⁶offering thou hast no delight ⁶
in ;

⁷ Heb. *Ears
hast thou
digged (or,
pierced) for
me.*

⁷ Mine ears hast thou opened :

Burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not
required.

Then said I, Lo, I am come ;

7

⁸ Or,
prescribed to

In the roll of the book it is ⁸written of me :

I delight to do thy will, O my God ;

8

Yea, thy law is within my heart.

- 9 I have ¹published righteousness in the great congregation;
Lo, I will not refrain my lips,
O LORD, thou knowest.
- 10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart;
I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation:
I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.
- 11 Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me,
O LORD:
Let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.
- 12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about,
Mine iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to look up;
They are more than the hairs of mine head, and my heart hath ²failed me.
- 13 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me :
Make haste to help me, O LORD.
- 14 Let them be ashamed and confounded together
That seek after my soul to destroy it :
Let them be turned backward and brought to dishonour
That delight in my hurt.
- 15 Let them be ³desolate ⁴by reason of their shame
That say unto me, Aha, Aha.
- 16 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee :
Let such as love thy salvation say continually,
The LORD be magnified.
- 17 But I am poor and needy ;
Yet the Lord thinketh upon me :
Thou art my help and my deliverer ,
Make no tarrying, O my God.

¹ Or,
*proclaimed
glad tidings of*

² Heb.
forsaken.

³ Or,
astonished
⁴ Or, *for a
reward of*

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

41

- ¹ Or, *the weak* Blessed is he that considereth ¹ the poor : 1
The LORD will deliver him in the day of evil.
- ² Or, *The LORD preserve* ² The LORD will preserve him, and keep him ²
alive, and he shall be blessed ³ upon the earth ;
³ Or, *in the land* And deliver not thou him unto the will of his
enemies.
- ⁴ Or, *The LORD support* ⁴ The LORD will support him upon the couch of ³
languishing :
- ⁵ Heb. Thou ⁵ makest all his bed in his sickness.
turnest, or, I said, O LORD, have mercy upon me : 4
changest. Heal my soul ; for I have sinned against thee. 5
Mine enemies speak evil against me, *saying,* 5
When shall he die, and his name perish ?
- ⁶ Or, *falsehood* And if he come to see *me*, he speaketh ⁶ vanity ; ⁶
His heart gathereth iniquity to itself :
When he goeth abroad, he telleth it.
All that hate me whisper together against me : 7
Against me do they devise my hurt.
- ⁷ Or, *Some wicked thing* ⁷ An evil disease, *say they,* ⁸ cleaveth fast unto ⁸
⁸ Or, *is poured out upon him* him :
And now that he lieth he shall rise up no more.
Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I ⁹
trusted, which did eat of my bread,
Hath lifted up his heel against me.
But thou, O LORD, have mercy upon me, and ¹⁰
raise me up,
That I may requite them.
- By this I know that thou delightest in me, 11
Because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.
And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine ¹²
integrity,
And settest me before thy face for ever.
- Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, 13
From everlasting and to everlasting.
Amen, and Amen.

BOOK II.

42 For the Chief Musician; Maschil of the sons of Korah.

- ¹ As the hart panteth after the water brooks,
So panteth my soul after thee, O God.
- ² My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God:
When shall I come and appear before God?
- ³ My tears have been my meat day and night,
While they ¹continually say unto me, Where
is thy God? ¹ Heb. *all the day.*
- ⁴ These things I remember, and pour out my
soul ²within me,
How I went with the throng, and ³led them to ² Heb. *upon.*
the house of God, ³ Or, *went in procession with them*
With the voice of joy and praise, a multitude
keeping holyday.
- ⁵ Why art thou ⁴cast down, O my soul?
And *why* art thou disquieted within me?
Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him
⁵For the ⁶health of his countenance. ⁴ Heb. *bowled down.*
- ⁶ O my God, my soul is cast down within me:
Therefore do I remember thee from the land of
Jordan,
And the Hermons, from ⁷the hill Mizar. ⁵ According to some ancient authorities, *Who is the health of my countenance, and my God. My soul &c.*
- ⁷ Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy ⁶ Or, *help*
⁸waterspouts: ⁷ Or, *the little mountain*
All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.
- ⁸ Yet the LORD will command his lovingkindness
in the day-time, ⁸ Or, *cataracts*

And in the night his song shall be with me,
Even a prayer unto the God of my life.
 I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou 9
 forgotten me?

¹ Or, *while
 the enemy
 oppresseth*

Why go I mourning ¹because of the oppression
 of the enemy?

² Or, *crushing*

As with ²a sword in my bones, mine advers- 10
 aries reproach me;

While they continually say unto me, Where is
 thy God?

Why art thou cast down, O my soul?

11

And why art thou disquieted within me?

Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise
 him,

³ Or, *help*

Who is the ³health of my countenance, and my
 God.

Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against 1 **43**
 an ungodly nation:

O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust
 man.

For thou art the God of my strength; why 2
 hast thou cast me off?

Why go I mourning ¹because of the oppression
 of the enemy?

O send out thy light and thy truth; let them 3
 lead me:

Let them bring me unto thy holy hill,

And to thy tabernacles.

Then will I go unto the altar of God,

4

⁴ Heb. *the
 gladness of
 my joy.*

Unto God ⁴my exceeding joy:

And upon the harp will I praise thee, O God,
 my God.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul?

5

And why art thou disquieted within me?

Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise
 him,

Who is the ³health of my countenance, and my
 God.

44 For the Chief Musician; *a Psalm* of the sons of
Korah. Maschil.

- 1 We have heard with our ears, O God, our
fathers have told us,
What work thou didst in their days, in the days
of old.
- 2 Thou didst drive out the nations with thy hand,
and plantdst them in;
Thou didst afflict the peoples, and ¹ didst spread ¹ Or, *cast*
them abroad. *them forth*
- 3 For they gat not the land in possession by their
own sword,
Neither did their own arm save them:
But thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light
of thy countenance,
Because thou hadst a favour unto them.
- 4 Thou art my King, O God:
Command ² deliverance for Jacob. ² Or, *victories*
- 5 Through thee will we push down our adversaries:
Through thy name will we tread them under
that rise up against us.
- 6 For I will not trust in my bow,
Neither shall my sword save me.
- 7 But thou hast saved us from our adversaries,
And hast put them to shame that hate us.
- 8 In God have we made our boast all the day long,
And we will give thanks unto thy name for
ever. [Selah]
- 9 But now thou hast cast *us* off, and brought us
to dishonour;
And goest not forth with our hosts.
- 10 Thou makest us to turn back from the adversary:
And they which hate us spoil for themselves.
- 11 Thou hast given us like sheep *appointed* for meat;
And hast scattered us among the nations.
- 12 Thou sellest thy people for nought,
And hast not increased *thy wealth* by their price.

Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours, 13
A scorn and a derision to them that are round
about us.

Thou makest us a byword among the nations, 14
A shaking of the head among the peoples.

All the day long is my dishonour before me, 15

And the shame of my face hath covered me,

For the voice of him that reproacheth and blas- 16
phemeth ;

By reason of the enemy and the avenger.

All this is come upon us ; yet have we not for- 17
gotten thee,

Neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.

Our heart is not turned back, 18

Neither have our steps declined from thy way ;

¹ Or, *Though* ¹ That thou hast sore broken us in the place of 19
jackals,

And covered us with the shadow of death.

If we have forgotten the name of our God, 20

Or spread forth our hands to a strange god ;

Shall not God search this out ? 21

For he knoweth the secrets of the heart.

Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long ; 22

We are counted as sheep for the slaughter.

Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord ? 23

Arise, cast *us* not off for ever.

Wherefore hidest thou thy face, 24

And forgettest our affliction and our oppression ?

For our soul is bowed down to the dust : 25

Our belly cleaveth unto the earth.

Rise up for our help, 26

And redeem us for thy lovingkindness' sake.

² That is,
Lilies.

For the Chief Musician ; set to ² Shoshannim ; *a Psalm* 45 *+*
of the sons of Korah. Maschil. A Song of loves.

My heart overfloweth with a goodly matter : 1

³ Or, *I speak ;*
my work is for
a king

³ I speak the things which I have made touching
the king :

- My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.
- 2 Thou art fairer than the children of men ;
Grace is poured ¹into thy lips : ¹ Or, upon
Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.
- 3 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O mighty one,
Thy glory and thy majesty.
- 4 And in thy majesty ride on prosperously,
²Because of truth and meekness *and* righteousness : ² Or, In behalf of
And ³thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things. ³ Or, let thy right hand teach
- 5 Thine arrows are sharp ;
The peoples fall under thee ;
They are in the heart of the king's enemies.
- 6 ⁴Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever : ⁴ Or, Thy throne is the throne of God &c.
A sceptre of equity is the sceptre of thy kingdom.
- 7 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated wickedness :
Therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee
With the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
- 8 All thy garments *smell of* myrrh, and aloes, *and* cassia ;
Out of ivory palaces stringed instruments have made thee glad.
- 9 Kings' daughters are among thy honourable women :
At thy right hand doth stand the queen in gold of Ophir.
- 10 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear ;
Forget also thine own people, and thy father's house ;
- 11 So shall the king desire thy beauty :
For he is thy Lord ; and worship thou him.
- 12 And the daughter of Tyre *shall be there* with a gift ;
Even the rich among the people shall intreat thy favour.

¹ Or, *in the inner part of the palace*

The king's daughter ¹within *the palace* is all ¹³ glorious:

Her clothing is inwrought with gold.

² Or, *upon*

She shall be led unto the king ²in brodered ¹⁴ work :

The virgins her companions that follow her
Shall be brought unto thee.

With gladness and rejoicing shall they be led: ¹⁵

They shall enter into the king's palace.

Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, ¹⁶

Whom thou shalt make princes in all the earth.

I will make thy name to be remembered in all ¹⁷ generations:

Therefore shall the peoples give thee thanks for ever and ever.

For the Chief Musician; *a Psalm* of the sons of **46** ⁷
Korah; set to Alamoth. A Song.

God is our refuge and strength, ¹

A very present help in trouble.

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth do ² change,

And though the mountains be moved in the heart of the seas ;

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, ³

³ Or, *pride*

Though the mountains shake with the ³swelling thereof. [Selah

There is a river, the streams whereof make glad ⁴ the city of God,

The holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her ; she shall not be ⁵ moved :

⁴ Heb. *at the dawn of morning.*

God shall help her, ⁴and that right early.

The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved : ⁶

He uttered his voice, the earth melted.

7 The LORD of hosts is with us ;
The God of Jacob is our ¹refuge. [Selah ¹ Or, *high tower*

8 Come, behold the works of the LORD,
²What desolations he hath made in the earth. ² Or, *Who hath made desolations &c.*

9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth ;

He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder ;

He burneth the chariots in the fire.

10 ³Be still, and know that I am God : ³ Or, *Let be*
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.

11 The LORD of hosts is with us ;
The God of Jacob is our ¹refuge. [Selah

✧47 For the Chief Musician ; a Psalm of the sons of Korah.

1 O clap your hands, all ye peoples ;
Shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

2 For ⁴the LORD Most High is terrible ; ⁴ Or, *the LORD is most high and terrible*

He is a great King over all the earth. ⁵ Or, *subdueth*

3 He ⁵shall subdue the peoples under us, ⁵ Or, *subdueth*
And the nations under our feet.

4 He ⁶shall choose our inheritance for us, ⁶ Or, *chooseth*
The excellency of Jacob whom he ⁷loved. [Selah ⁷ Or, *loveth*

5 God is gone up with a shout,
The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises :
Sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

7 For God is the King of all the earth : ⁸ Or, *in a skilful psalm*
Sing ye praises ⁸with understanding. Heb. *Maschil.*

8 God reigneth over the nations :

God sitteth upon his holy throne.

9 The princes of the peoples are gathered together

⁹To be the people of the God of Abraham : ⁹ Or, *Unto the people*

For the shields of the earth belong unto God ;
He is greatly exalted.

A Song ; a Psalm of the sons of Korah.

48

Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised, 1
In the city of our God, in his holy mountain.
Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole 2
earth,

Is mount Zion, *on* the sides of the north,
The city of the great King.

God hath made himself known in her palaces 3
for a ¹refuge.

¹ Or, *high tower*

For, lo, the kings assembled themselves, 4
They ²passed by together.

² Or, *passed away*

They saw it, then were they amazed ; 5

³ Or, *were stricken with terror*

They were dismayed, they ³hasted away. 6
Trembling took hold of them there ;

Pain, as of a woman in travail.

⁴ Or, *As with the east wind that breaketh*

⁴With the east wind 7
Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish.

As we have heard, so have we seen 8
In the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of
our God :

God will establish it for ever. [Selah

We have thought on thy lovingkindness, O 9
God,

In the midst of thy temple.

As is thy name, O God, 10

So is thy praise unto the ends of the earth :

Thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Let mount Zion be glad, 11

Let the daughters of Judah rejoice,

Because of thy judgements.

Walk about Zion, and go round about her : 12

Tell the towers thereof.

Mark ye well her bulwarks, 13

⁵ Or, *Traverse*

⁵Consider her palaces ;

⁶ Or, *according to some ancient authorities, for evermore*

That ye may tell it to the generation following.

For this God is our God for ever and ever : 14

He will be our guide *even* ⁶unto death.

49 For the Chief Musician ; a Psalm of the sons of
Korah.

- 1 Hear this, all ye peoples ;
Give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world :
2 Both low and high,
Rich and poor together.
3 My mouth shall speak wisdom ;
And the meditation of my heart shall be of
understanding.
4 I will incline mine ear to a parable :
I will open my dark saying upon the harp.
5 Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil,
When ¹iniquity at my heels compasseth me
about?
6 They that trust in their wealth,
And boast themselves in the multitude of their
riches ;
7 None *of them* can by any means redeem his
brother,
Nor give to God a ransom for him :
8 (For the redemption of their soul is costly,
And must be let alone for ever :)
9 That he should still live alway,
That he should not see ²corruption.
10 ³For he seeth that wise men die,
The fool and the brutish together perish,
And leave their wealth to others.
11 ⁴Their inward thought is, *that* their houses *shall*
continue for ever,
And their dwelling places to all generations ;
They call their lands after their own names.
12 But ⁵man abideth not in honour :
He is like the beasts that perish.
13 ⁶This their way is ⁷their folly :
Yet after them men approve their sayings. [Selah]
14 They are appointed as a flock for Sheol ;

¹ Or, *the iniquity of them that would supplant me compasseth me about, even of them that trust...riches?*

² Or, *the pit*
³ Or, *Yea, he shall see it : wise men &c.*
⁴ Some ancient versions read, *Their graves are their houses for ever.*

⁵ Or, *man being in honour abideth not*

⁶ Or, *This is the way of them that are foolish*

⁷ Or, *their confidence: and after &c.*

Death shall be their shepherd :
And the upright shall have dominion over them
in the morning ;

¹ Or, *form* And their ¹beauty shall be for Sheol to consume,
that there be no habitation for it.

² Heb. *hand*. But God will redeem my soul from the ²power ¹⁵
of Sheol :

For he shall receive me. [Selah

Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, ¹⁶

³ Or, *wealth* When the ³glory of his house is increased :

For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away ; ¹⁷

His glory shall not descend after him.

Though while he lived he blessed his soul, ¹⁸

And men praise thee, when thou doest well to
thyself,

⁴ Heb. *Thou shalt go, or, It shall go.* ⁴He shall go to the generation of his fathers ; ¹⁹

⁵They shall never see the light.

⁶ Or, *Which never more see* Man that is in honour, and understandeth not, ²⁰
Is like the beasts that perish.

A Psalm of Asaph.

50

⁶ Or, *The God of gods* ⁶God, *even* God, the LORD, hath spoken, ¹
Heb. And called the earth from the rising of the sun
El Elohim. unto the going down thereof.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, ²
God hath shined forth.

⁷ Or, *cometh...is* Our God ⁷shall come, and shall not keep silence : ³
devoureth...is A fire shall devour before him,

And it shall be very tempestuous round about
him.

He shall call to the heavens above, ⁴

And to the earth, that he may judge his people :

Gather my saints together unto me ; ⁵

Those that have made a covenant with me by
sacrifice.

⁸ Or, *declare* And the heavens ⁸shall declare his righteous- ⁶
ness ;

For God is judge himself. [Selah

- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak ;
 O Israel, and I will testify ¹unto thee :
 I am God, *even* thy God.
- 8 I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices ;
²And thy burnt offerings are continually before
 me.
- 9 I will take no bullock out of thy house,
 Nor he-goats out of thy folds.
- 10 For every beast of the forest is mine,
 And the cattle ³upon a thousand hills.
- 11 I know all the fowls of the mountains :
 And the wild beasts of the field are ⁴mine.
- 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee :
 For the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.
- 13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls,
 Or drink the blood of goats ?
- 14 Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving ;
 And pay thy vows unto the Most High :
- 15 And call upon me in the day of trouble ;
 I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify
 me.
- 16 But unto the wicked God saith,
 What hast thou to do to declare my statutes,
 And that thou hast taken my covenant in thy
 mouth ?
- 17 Seeing thou hatest ⁵instruction,
 And castest my words behind thee.
- 18 When thou sawest a thief, thou consentedst
 with him,
 And ⁶hast been partaker with adulterers.
- 19 Thou givest thy mouth to evil,
 And thy tongue frameth deceit.
- 20 Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother ;
 Thou ⁷slanderest thine own mother's son.
- 21 These things hast thou done, and I kept si-
 lence ;
 Thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an
 one as thyself :

¹ Or, *against*² Or, *Nor for thy burnt offerings, which are &c.*³ Or, *upon the mountains where thousands are*⁴ Or, *in my mind*
*Heb. with me.*⁵ Or, *correction*⁶ Heb.
*thy portion was with adulterers.*⁷ Or, *givest a thrust against*

But I will reprove thee, and set *them* in order
before thine eyes.

Now consider this, ye that forget God, 22
Lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to
deliver :

Whoso offereth the sacrifice of thanksgiving 23
glorifieth me ;

¹ Or, *And
prepareth a
way that I
may shew
him*

¹And to him that ordereth his ²conversation
aright

Will I shew the salvation of God.

² Heb. *way*.

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David : when 51
Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had
gone in to Bath-sheba.

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy 1
lovingkindness :

According to the multitude of thy tender mercies
blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, 2
And cleanse me from my sin.

³ Heb. *know*.

For I ³acknowledge my transgressions : 3
And my sin is ever before me.

Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, 4
And done that which is evil in thy sight :

That thou mayest be justified when thou
speakest,

And be clear when thou judgest.
Behold, I was shapen in iniquity ; 5

And in sin did my mother conceive me.
Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward 6
parts :

And in the hidden part thou shalt make me to
know wisdom.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean : 7

Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me to hear joy and gladness ; 8

That the bones which thou hast broken may
rejoice.

- 9 Hide thy face from my sins,
 And blot out all mine iniquities.
 10 Create ¹in me a clean heart, O God ; ¹ Or, *for me*
 And renew a ²right spirit within me. ² Or, *steadfast*
 11 Cast me not away from thy presence ;
 And take not thy holy spirit from me.
 12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation :
 And uphold me with a ³free spirit. ³ Or, *willing*
 13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways ;
 And sinners shall ⁴be converted unto thee. ⁴ Or, *return*
 14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou
 God of my salvation ;
 And my tongue shall sing aloud of thy right-
 eousness.
 15 O Lord, open thou my lips ;
 And my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
 16 For thou delightest not in sacrifice ; ⁵else would ⁵ Or, *that*
 I give it : *I should*
 give it
 Thou hast no pleasure in burnt offering.
 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit :
 A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt
 not despise.
 18 Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion :
 Build thou the walls of Jerusalem.
 19 Then shalt thou delight in the sacrifices of
 righteousness, in burnt offering and whole
 burnt offering :
 Then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.
52 For the Chief Musician. Maschil of David : when
 Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said
 unto him, David is come to the house of Ahi-
 melech.
 1 Why boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty
 man ?
 The mercy of God *endureth* continually.
 2 Thy tongue deviseth very wickedness ;
 Like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

Thou lovest evil more than good ; 3
And lying rather than to speak righteous-
ness. [Selah

Thou lovest all devouring words, 4
¹O thou deceitful tongue.

¹ Or, And
the deceitful
tongue

God shall likewise ²destroy thee for ever, 5
He shall take thee up, and pluck thee out of thy
tent,

² Or, break
thee down

And root thee out of the land of the living. [Selah
The righteous also shall see *it*, and fear, 6

And shall laugh at him, *saying*,
Lo, this is the man that made not God his ³strength ; 7

³ Or,
strong hold

But trusted in the abundance of his riches,
And strengthened himself in his wickedness.
But as for me, I am like a green olive tree in 8
the house of God :

I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.
I will give thee thanks for ever, because thou 9
hast done it :

And I will wait on thy name, for it is good, in
the presence of thy saints.

For the Chief Musician ; set to Mahalath. Maschil 53
of David.

⁴ See Ps. xiv. ⁴The fool hath said in his heart, There is no 1
God.

Corrupt are they, and have done abominable
iniquity ;

There is none that doeth good.

God looked down from heaven upon the child- 2
ren of men,

⁵ Or, deal
wisely

To see if there were any that did ⁵understand,
That did seek after God.

Every one of them is gone back ; they are to- 3
gether become filthy ;

There is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge ? 4

Who eat up my people *as* they eat bread,
And call not upon God.

- 5 There were they in great fear, where no fear was:
For God hath scattered the bones of him that
encâmpeth against thee;
Thou hast put them to shame, because God
hath rejected them.

- 6 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out
of Zion!

When God ¹bringeth back the captivity of his
people,
Then shall Jacob rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.

¹ Or,
returneth to

- 54 For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments.
Maschil of David: when the Ziphites came and
said to Saul, Doth not David hide himself with
us?

- 1 Save me, O God, by thy name,
And judge me in thy might.

- 2 Hear my prayer, O God;
Give ear to the words of my mouth.

- 3 For ²strangers are risen up against me,
And violent men have sought after my soul:
They have not set God before them. [Selah

² See Ps.
lxxxvi. 14.

- 4 Behold, God is mine helper:
The Lord is ³of them that uphold my soul.

³ Or, *with*

- 5 ⁴He shall requite the evil unto ⁵mine enemies:
Destroy thou them in thy truth.

⁴ Another
reading is, *The
evil shall
return.*

- 6 With a freewill offering will I sacrifice unto thee:
I will give thanks unto thy name, O LORD, for
it is good.

⁵ Or, *them
that lie in
wait for me*

- 7 For he hath delivered me out of all trouble;
And mine eye hath seen *my desire* upon mine
enemies.

- 55 For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments.
Maschil of David.

- 1 Give ear to my prayer, O God;
And hide not thyself from my supplication.

Attend unto me, and answer me : 2
 I am restless in my complaint, and moan ;
 Because of the voice of the enemy, 3
 Because of the oppression of the wicked ;
 For they cast iniquity upon me,
 And in anger they persecute me.
 My heart is sore pained within me : 4
 And the terrors of death are fallen upon me.
 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, 5
 And horror hath overwhelmed me.
 And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove ! 6
 Then would I fly away, and be at rest.
 Lo, then would I wander far off, 7
 I would lodge in the wilderness. [Selah
 I would ¹haste me to a shelter 8
 From the stormy wind and tempest.
²Destroy, O Lord, *and* divide their tongue : 9
 For I have seen violence and strife in the city.
 Day and night they go about it upon the walls 10
 thereof :
 Iniquity also and mischief are in the midst of it.
 Wickedness is in the midst thereof : 11
³Oppression and guile depart not from her
 streets.
 For it was not an enemy that reproached me ; 12
 Then I could have borne it :
 Neither was it he that hated me that did mag-
 nify himself against me ;
 Then I would have hid myself from him :
 But it was thou, a man mine equal, 13
 My companion, and my familiar friend.
 We took sweet counsel together, 14
 We walked in the house of God with the
 throng.
⁴Let death come suddenly upon them, 15
 Let them go down alive into ⁵the pit :
 For wickedness is in their dwelling, in ⁶the midst
 of them.

¹ Or, *hasten*
my escape

² Heb.
Swallow up.

³ Or, *Fraud*

⁴ Or, as
otherwise
read,
Desolations be
upon them!

⁵ Heb. *Sheol.*

⁶ Or, *their*
inward part

- 16 As for me, I will call upon God ;
And the LORD shall save me.
- 17 Evening, and morning, and at noonday, will I
complain, and moan :
And he shall hear my voice.
- 18 He hath redeemed my soul in peace ¹from the
battle that was against me :
For they were many *that strove* with me.
- 19 God shall hear, and ²answer them,
Even he that abideth of old, [Selah
The men who have no changes,
And who fear not God.
- 20 He hath put forth his hands against such as
were at peace with him :
He hath profaned his covenant.
- 21 His mouth was smooth as butter,
But his heart was war :
His words were softer than oil,
Yet were they drawn swords.
- 22 Cast ³thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall
sustain thee :
He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.
- 23 But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into
the pit of destruction :
Bloodthirsty and deceitful men shall not live out
half their days ;
But I will trust in thee.
- 56 For the Chief Musician ; set to ⁴Jonath elem re-
hokim. *A Psalm* of David : Michtam : when the
Philistines took him in Gath.
- 1 Be merciful unto me, O God ; for man would
swallow me up :
All the day long he fighting oppresseth me.
- 2 ⁵Mine enemies would swallow me up all the day
long :
For they be many that fight proudly against me.
- 3 What time I am afraid,

¹ Or, *so that*
none came
nigh me

² Or, *afflict*

³ Heb. *that*
he hath given
thee.

⁴ That is, *The*
silent dove of
them that are
afar off
or, as other-
wise read, *The*
dove of the
distant
terebinths

⁵ Or, *They that*
lie in wait for
me

I will put my trust in thee.
 In God I will praise his word: 4
 In God have I put my trust, I will not be afraid;
 What can flesh do unto me?
 All the day long they wrest my words: 5
 All their thoughts are against me for evil.
 They gather themselves together, they hide 6
 themselves,

They mark my steps,

¹ Or, ¹ Even as they have waited for my soul.

Inasmuch as ² Shall they escape by iniquity? 7

² Or, *They think to escape* In anger cast down the peoples, O God.

Thou tellest my wanderings: 8

Put thou my tears into thy bottle;

³ Or, *record* Are they not in thy ³ book?

Then shall mine enemies turn back in the day 9
 that I call:

⁴ Or, *for* This I know, ⁴ that God is for me.

In God will I praise *his* word: 10

In the LORD will I praise *his* word.

In God have I put my trust, I will not be afraid; 11

What can man do unto me?

Thy vows are upon me, O God: 12

I will render thank offerings unto thee.

For thou hast delivered my soul from death: 13

Hast thou not delivered my feet from falling?

That I may walk before God

⁵ Or, *life* In the light of ⁵ the living.

For the Chief Musician; *set to* Al-tashheth. *A Psalm* 57
 of David: Michtam: when he fled from Saul, in
 the cave.

Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me; 1

For my soul taketh refuge in thee:

Yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I take refuge,

⁶ Or, *wickednesses* Until *these* ⁶ calamities be overpast.

I will cry unto God Most High; 2

Unto God that performeth *all things* for me.

3 He shall send from heaven, and save me,
When he that would swallow me up reproach-
 eth; [Selah]

God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.

4 My soul is among lions;

¹ I lie among them that are set on fire,

¹ Or, *I must lie*

Even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears
 and arrows,

And their tongue a sharp sword.

5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens;

Let thy glory *be* above all the earth.

6 They have prepared a net for my steps;

My soul is bowed down:

They have digged a pit before me;

They are fallen into the midst thereof them-
 selves. [Selah]

7 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed:

I will sing, yea, I will sing praises.

8 Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and
 harp:

² I myself will awake right early.

² Or, *I will awake the dawn*

9 I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the
 peoples:

I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

10 For thy mercy is great unto the heavens,

And thy truth unto the skies.

11 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens;

Let thy glory *be* above all the earth.

58 For the Chief Musician; *set to* Al-tashheth. *A Psalm*
 of David: Michtam.

³ Or, *Is the righteousness ye should speak dumb?*

1 ³ Do ye indeed ⁴ in silence speak righteousness?

Do ye ⁵ judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?

⁴ Or, as otherwise read, *O ye gods or, O ye mighty ones*

2 Yea, in heart ye work wickedness;

Ye weigh out the violence of your hands in the
 earth.

⁵ Or, *judge uprightly the sons of men*

3 The wicked are estranged from the womb:

They go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.

Their poison is like the poison of a serpent: 4

They are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear;

¹ Or, *enchanters*

Which hearkeneth not to the voice of ¹charmers, 5
Charming never so wisely.

Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: 6

Break out the great teeth of the young lions, O
LORD.

Let them melt away as water that runneth apace: 7

When he aimeth his arrows, let them be as
though they were cut off.

Let them be as a snail which melteth and passeth 8
away:

² Or, like them
that have not
seen the sun

Like the untimely birth of a woman, ²that hath
not seen the sun.

Before your pots can feel the thorns, 9

³ Or, *Even as
raw flesh, even
so, shall fury
sweep them
away*

³ He shall take them away with a whirlwind, the
green and the burning alike.

The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the 10
vengeance:

He shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.

⁴ Heb. *fruit*.

So that men shall say, Verily there is ⁴a reward 11
for the righteous:

Verily there is a God that judgeth in the earth.

For the Chief Musician; *set to* Al-tashheth. *A Psalm* 59
of David: Michtam: when Saul sent, and they
watched the house to kill him.

Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God: 1

Set me on high from them that rise up against
me.

Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, 2

And save me from the bloodthirsty men.

For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul; 3

The mighty gather themselves together against
me:

Not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O LORD.

- 4 They run and prepare themselves without *my* fault:

Awake thou to ¹help me, and behold.

¹ Heb. *meet*.

- 5 Even thou, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel,

Arise to visit all the ²heathen:

² Or, *nations*

Be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. [Selah

- 6 They return at evening, they make a noise like a dog,

And go round about the city.

- 7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth;

Swords are in their lips:

For who, *say they*, doth hear?

- 8 But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them;

Thou shalt have all the ²heathen in derision.

- 9 ³O my strength, I will wait upon thee:

For God is my high tower.

³ So some ancient authorities. The Hebrew text has, *His strength*.

- 10 ⁴The God of my mercy shall prevent me:

God shall let me see *my desire* upon ⁵mine enemies.

⁴ According to some ancient authorities, *My God with his mercy*.

- 11 Slay them not, lest my people forget:

⁶Scatter them by thy power, and bring them down,

⁵ Or, *them that lie in wait for me*

O Lord our shield.

- 12 *For* the sin of their mouth, *and* the words of their lips,

⁶ Or, *Make them wander to and fro*

Let them even be taken in their pride,

And for cursing and lying which they speak.

- 13 Consume them in wrath, consume them, that they be no more:

And let them know that God ruleth in Jacob,

Unto the ends of the earth.

[Selah

- 14 And at evening let them return, let them make a noise like a dog,

And go round about the city.

- 15 They shall wander up and down for meat,

And tarry all night if they be not satisfied.
 But I will sing of thy strength; 16
 Yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the
 morning:
 For thou hast been my high tower,
 And a refuge in the day of my distress.
 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing praises: 17
 For God is my high tower, the God of my
 mercy.

¹ That is, *The lily of testimony.* For the Chief Musician; set to ¹Shushan Eduth: 80
 Michtam of David, to teach: when he strove
 with Aram-naharaim and with Aram-zobah, and
 Joab returned, and smote of Edom in the Valley
 of Salt twelve thousand.

O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast broken 1
 us down;

Thou hast been angry; O restore us again.
 Thou hast made the land to tremble; thou hast 2
 rent it:

Heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.
 Thou hast shewed thy people hard things: 3
 Thou hast made us to drink the wine of
 staggering.

Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, 4
²That it may be displayed because of the truth.

² Many
 ancient
 authorities
 render,
*That they may
 flee from before
 the bow.*

³ Another
 reading is,
me.

[Selah] 5
 That thy beloved may be delivered,

Save with thy right hand, and answer ³us.
 God hath spoken in his holiness; I will exult: 6

I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley
 of Succoth.

Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; 7
 Ephraim also is the defence of mine head;

⁴ Or, *lawgiver* Judah is my ⁴sceptre.

Moab is my washpot; 8

⁵ Or, *Unto* ⁵Upon Edom will I cast my shoe:
 Philistia, shout thou because of me.

- 9 Who will bring me into the strong city?
¹Who hath led me unto Edom?
 10 ²Hast not thou, O God, cast us off?
 And thou goest not forth, O God, with our
 hosts.
 11 Give us help against the adversary:
 For vain is the ³help of man.
 12 Through God we shall do valiantly:
 For he it is that shall tread down our adversaries.

¹ Or, *Who will lead me &c.*

² Or, *Will not thou, O God, which hast cast us off, and goest...hosts?*

³ Heb. *salvation.*

61 For the Chief Musician; on a stringed instrument.
A Psalm of David.

- 1 Hear my cry, O God;
 Attend unto my prayer.
 2 From the end of the earth will I call unto thee,
 when my heart ⁴is overwhelmed:
 Lead me to ⁵the rock that is higher than I.
 3 For thou hast been a refuge for me,
 A strong tower from the enemy.
 4 I will dwell in thy ⁶tabernacle for ever:
 I will take refuge in the covert of thy wings. [Selah]
 5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows:
 Thou hast ⁷given *me* the heritage of those that
 fear thy name.
 6 Thou wilt prolong the king's life:
 His years shall be as many generations.
 7 He shall abide before God for ever:
 O prepare lovingkindness and truth, that they
 may preserve him.
 8 So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever,
 That I may daily perform my vows.

⁴ Or, *fainteth*

⁵ Or, *a rock that is too high for me*

⁶ Heb. *tent.*

⁷ Or, *given an heritage unto those &c.*

62 For the Chief Musician; after the manner of Jeduthun.
A Psalm of David.

- 1 My soul ⁸waiteth only upon God:
 From him *cometh* my salvation.
 2 He only is my rock and my salvation:

⁸ Heb. *is silent unto God.*

He is my high tower; I shall not be greatly moved.

How long will ye set upon a man, 3

¹ Or, as otherwise read, *Ye shall be slain &c.* ¹ That ye may slay *him*, all of you,
Like a bowing wall, like a tottering fence?

They only consult to thrust him down from his 4
excellency;

They delight in lies:

They bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly. [Selah

² Heb. *be thou silent unto God.* My soul, ² wait thou only upon God; 5
For my expectation is from him.

He only is my rock and my salvation: 6

He is my high tower; I shall not be moved.

With God is my salvation and my glory: 7

The rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

Trust in him at all times, ye people; 8

Pour out your heart before him:

God is a refuge for us. [Selah

³ Heb. *a breath.* Surely men of low degree are ³ vanity, and men 9
of high degree are a lie:

In the balances they will go up;

They are together lighter than ³ vanity.

Trust not in oppression, 10

And become not vain in robbery:

If riches increase, set not your heart *thereon*.

God hath spoken once, 11

Twice have I heard this;

That power belongeth unto God:

Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy: 12

For thou renderest to every man according to his work.

A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness 63
of Judah.

⁴ Or, *earnestly* O God, thou art my God; ⁴ early will I seek thee: 1
My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee,

- In a dry and weary land, where no water is.
 2 So have I looked upon thee in the sanctuary,
 To see thy power and thy glory.
 3 For thy lovingkindness is better than life;
 My lips shall praise thee.
 4 So will I bless thee while I live:
 I will lift up my hands in thy name.
 5 My soul shall be satisfied as with ¹marrow and ¹ Heb. *fat*.
 fatness;
 And my mouth shall praise thee with joyful
 lips;
 6 When I remember thee upon my bed,
² And meditate on thee in the night watches. ² Or, *I meditate*
 7 For thou hast been my help,
 And in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.
 8 My soul followeth hard after thee:
 Thy right hand upholdeth me.
 9 But those that seek my soul, ³to destroy it, ³ Or, *shall be destroyed;*
 Shall go into the lower parts of the earth. *they shall &c.*
 10 They shall be ⁴given over to the power of the sword: ⁴ Or, *poured out by*
 They shall be a portion for ⁵foxes. ⁵ Or, *jackals*
 11 But the king shall rejoice in God:
 Every one that sweareth by him shall glory;
 For the mouth of them that speak lies shall be
 stopped.

64 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- 1 Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint:
 Preserve my life from fear of the enemy.
 2 Hide me from the secret counsel of evil-doers;
 From the ⁶tumult of the workers of iniquity: ⁶ Or, *through*
 3 Who have whet their tongue like a sword,
 And have aimed their arrows, even bitter words:
 4 That they may shoot in secret places at the
 perfect:
 Suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.
 5 They encourage themselves in an evil purpose;

They commune of laying snares privily ;
They say, Who shall see them ?

¹ Or, as otherwise read, *they have accomplished or have hidden* They search out iniquities ; ¹We have accomplished, *say they*, a diligent search : 6
And the inward thought of every one, and the heart, is deep.

But God shall shoot at them ; 7
With an arrow suddenly shall they be wounded.

² Or, *So shall they against whom their tongue was make them to stumble* ²So they shall be made to stumble, their own tongue being against them : 8
All that see them shall ³wag the head.
And all men shall fear ; 9

³ Or, *flee away* And they shall declare the work of God,
And shall wisely consider of his doing.
The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and ¹⁰
shall trust in him ;
And all the upright in heart shall glory.

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm. A Song of **65**
David.

⁴ Or, *There shall be silence before thee, and praise, O God &c.* ⁴Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion : 1
And unto thee shall the vow be performed.
O thou that hearest prayer, 2
Unto thee shall all flesh come.

⁵ Heb. *Words* (or, *Matters*) *of iniquities.* ⁵Iniquities prevail against me : 3
As for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and ⁴
causest to approach *unto thee*,

That he may dwell in thy courts :

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house,

The holy place of thy temple.

By terrible things thou wilt answer us in righteousness, 5

O God of our salvation ;

Thou that art the confidence of all the ends of the earth,

- ¹ And of them that are afar off upon the sea : ¹ Or, *And of the sea, afar off*
 6 Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains;
 Being girded about with might ;
 7 Which stilleth the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves,
 And the tumult of the peoples.
 8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens :
 Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.
 9 Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it,
 Thou greatly enrichest it ;
 The river of God is full of water :
 Thou providest them corn, ²when thou hast so ² Or, *for so*
 prepared ³the earth. ³ Heb. *her.*
 10 Thou waterest her furrows abundantly ;
 Thou ⁴settlest the ridges thereof : ⁴ Heb. *lowerest.*
 Thou makest it soft with showers ;
 Thou blessest the springing thereof.
 11 Thou crownest ⁵the year with thy goodness ; ⁵ Heb. *the year of thy goodness.*
 And thy paths drop fatness.
 12 ⁶They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness : ⁶ Or, *The pastures... do drop*
 And the hills are girded with joy.
 13 The pastures are clothed with flocks ;
 The valleys also are covered over with corn ;
 They shout for joy, they also sing.

66 For the Chief Musician. A Song, a Psalm.

- 1 Make a joyful noise unto God, all the earth :
 2 Sing forth the glory of his name :
 Make his praise glorious.
 3 Say unto God, How terrible are thy works !
 Through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies ⁷submit themselves unto thee. ⁷ Or, *yield feigned obedience*
 4 All the earth shall worship thee, *Heb. lie.*
 And shall sing unto thee ;
 They shall sing to thy name. [Selah
 5 Come, and see the works of God ;

He is terrible in his doing toward the children
of men.

He turned the sea into dry land : 6

They went through the river on foot :

¹ Or, *let us
rejoice*

There ¹did we rejoice in him.

He ruleth by his might for ever ; 7

His eyes observe the nations :

Let not the rebellious exalt themselves. [Selah

O bless our God, ye peoples, 8

And make the voice of his praise to be heard :

² Heb. *putteth.*

Which ²holdeth our soul in life, 9

And suffereth not our feet to be moved.

For thou, O God, hast proved us : 10

Thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

Thou broughtest us into the net ; 11

Thou layedst a sore burden upon our loins.

Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads ; 12

We went through fire and through water ;

³ Heb.
abundance.

But thou broughtest us out into ³a wealthy
place.

I will come into thy house with burnt offerings, 13

I will pay thee my vows,

Which my lips have uttered, 14

And my mouth hath spoken, when I was in
distress.

I will offer unto thee burnt offerings of fatlings, 15

With the incense of rams ;

I will offer bullocks with goats. [Selah

Come, and hear, all ye that fear God, 16

And I will declare what he hath done for my
soul.

I cried unto him with my mouth, 17

And ⁴he was extolled with my tongue.

⁴ Or, as
otherwise
read, *high
praise was
under my
tongue*

If I ⁵regard iniquity in my heart, 18

The Lord ⁶will not hear :

But verily God hath heard ; 19

⁵ Or, *had
regarded*

He hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

⁶ Or, *would*

Blessed be God, 20

Which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his
mercy from me.

✓67 For the Chief Musician ; on stringed instruments.
A Psalm, a Song.

- 1 God be merciful unto us, and bless us,
And cause his face to shine ¹upon us ; [Selah ¹ Heb.
¹ Heb. *with us.*
- 2 That thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples ²praise thee, O God ; ² Or, *give*
Let all the peoples praise thee. *thanks unto*
- 4 O let the nations be glad and sing for joy :
For thou shalt judge the peoples with equity,
And ³govern the nations upon earth. [Selah ³ Heb. *lead.*
- 5 Let the peoples praise thee, O God ;
Let all the peoples praise thee.
- 6 The earth hath yielded her increase :
God, even our own God, shall bless us.
- 7 God shall bless us ;
And all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

68 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David,
a Song.

- 1 Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered ;
Let them also that hate him flee before him.
- 2 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away :
As wax melteth before the fire,
So let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad ; let them exult
before God :
Yea, let them rejoice with gladness.
- 4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name :
Cast up a high way for him that rideth through
the deserts ;
His name is JAH ; and exult ye before him.
- 5 A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the
widows,
Is God in his holy habitation.

¹ Heb. *maketh the solitary to dwell in a house.*

God ¹setteth the solitary in families : 6
He bringeth out the prisoners into prosperity :
But the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

O God, when thou wentest forth before thy 7
people,

When thou didst march through the wilder-
ness ; [Selah

The earth trembled, 8
The heavens also dropped at the presence of
God :

Even yon Sinai *trembled* at the presence of God,
the God of Israel.

Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, 9
Thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it
was weary.

² Or, *troop*

Thy ²congregation dwelt therein : 10
Thou, O God, didst prepare of thy goodness
for the poor.

The Lord giveth the word : 11
The women that publish the tidings are a great
host.

Kings of armies flee, they flee : 12
And she that tarrieth at home divideth the spoil.

³ Or, *When ye lie among the sheepfolds, it is as the wings ...gold.*

³Will ye lie among the sheepfolds, 13
As the wings of a dove covered with silver,
And her pinions with yellow gold ?

When the Almighty scattered kings therein, 14

⁴ Or, *It snowed*

⁴*It was as when* it snoweth in Zalmon.

A mountain of God is the mountain of Bashan ; 15

⁵ Heb. *A mountain of summits.*

⁵An high mountain is the mountain of Bashan. 16
Why look ye askance, ye high mountains,
At the mountain which God hath desired for his
abode ?

Yea, the LORD will dwell *in it* for ever.

The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even 17
thousands upon thousands :

⁶ Or, *Sinai is in the sanctuary*

The Lord is among them, ⁶*as in* Sinai, in the
sanctuary.

- 18 Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led *thy*
 captivity captive ;
 Thou hast received gifts among men,
 Yea, *among* the rebellious also, that ¹the LORD
 God might ²dwell *with them*. ¹ Heb. *Jah*.
 See ver. 4.
² Or, *dwell*
there
- 19 ³Blessed be the Lord, who daily beareth our
 burden,
 Even the God who is our salvation. [Selah ³ Or, *Blessed*
be the Lord
day by day:
if one oppress-
eth us, God is
our salvation
- 20 God is unto us a God of deliverances ;
 And unto JEHOVAH the Lord belong the issues
 from death.
- 21 But God shall smite through the head of his
 enemies,
 The hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still
 in his guiltiness.
- 22 The Lord said, I will bring again from Bashan,
 I will bring *them* again from the depths of the
 sea :
- 23 That thou mayest dip thy foot in blood,
 That the tongue of thy dogs may have its
 portion from *thine* enemies.
- 24 They have seen thy goings, O God,
 Even the goings of my God, my King, ⁴into the
 sanctuary. ⁴ Or, *in the*
sanctuary
Or, in holiness
- 25 The singers went before, the minstrels followed
 after,
 In the midst of the damsels playing with timbrels.
- 26 Bless ye God in the congregations,
 Even the Lord, *ye that are* of the fountain of
 Israel.
- 27 There is little Benjamin their ruler,
 The princes of Judah *and* their ⁵council,
 The princes of Zebulun, the princes of Naphtali. ⁵ Or, *company*
⁶ Or, *Be*
strong, O God,
thou that hast
&c.
- 28 Thy God hath commanded thy strength:
⁶Strengthen, O God, that which thou ⁷hast
 wrought for us. ⁷ Or, *hast*
wrought for us
out of thy
temple. Unto
Jerusalem &c.
- 29 Because of thy temple at Jerusalem

Kings shall bring presents unto thee.
 Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds,
 The multitude of the bulls, with the calves of
 the peoples, 30

¹ Or, Every
 one *submitting*
 himself with
 pieces of silver

¹ Trampling under foot the pieces of silver ;
² He hath scattered the peoples that delight in
 war.

² Or, as
 otherwise
 read, *Scatter*
thou

Princes shall come out of Egypt ; 31

³ Heb. *Cush*.

³ Ethiopia shall haste to stretch out her hands
 unto God.

Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth ; 32

O sing praises unto the Lord ; [Selah

To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, 33
 which are of old ;

Lo, he uttereth his voice, *and that* a mighty
 voice.

Ascribe ye strength unto God : 34

His excellency is over Israel,

And his strength is in the skies.

⁴ Or, *Terrible*
is God

⁴ O God, *thou art* terrible out of thy holy places: 35

The God of Israel, he giveth strength and power
 unto *his* people.

Blessed be God.

⁵ That is,
Lilies.

For the Chief Musician ; set to ⁶Shoshannim.

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A Psalm of David.

Save me, O God ; 1

For the waters are come in unto my soul.

I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing: 2

I am come into deep waters, where the floods
 overflow me.

I am weary with my crying; my throat is 3
 dried :

Mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

They that hate me without a cause are more 4
 than the hairs of mine head :

They that would cut me off, being mine enemies

⁶ Heb. *falsely*.

⁶ wrongfully, are mighty :

- Then I ¹restored that which I took not away. ¹ Or, *had to restore*
- 5 O God, thou knowest my foolishness ;
And my ²sins are not hid from thee. ² Heb. *guiltinesses.*
- 6 Let not them that wait on thee be ashamed
through me, O Lord GOD of hosts :
Let not those that seek thee be brought to
dishonour through me, O God of Israel.
- 7 Because for thy sake I have borne reproach ;
Shame hath covered my face.
- 8 I am become a stranger unto my brethren,
And an alien unto my mother's children.
- 9 For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me
up ;
And the reproaches of them that reproach thee
are fallen upon me.
- 10 When I wept, *and chastened* my soul with
fasting,
That was to my reproach.
- 11 When I made sackcloth my clothing,
I became a proverb unto them.
- 12 They that sit in the gate talk of me ;
And *I am* the song of the drunkards.
- 13 But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O LORD,
in an acceptable time :
O God, in the multitude of thy mercy,
Answer me in the truth of thy salvation.
- 14 Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not
sink :
Let me be delivered from them that hate me,
and out of the deep waters.
- 15 Let not the waterflood overwhelm me,
Neither let the deep swallow me up ;
And let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.
- 16 Answer me, O LORD ; for thy lovingkindness is
good :
According to the multitude of thy tender
mercies turn thou unto me.
- 17 And hide not thy face from thy servant ;

For I am in distress; answer me speedily.
 Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it: 18
 Ransom me because of mine enemies.
 Thou knowest my reproach, and my shame, and 19
 my dishonour:
 Mine adversaries are all before thee.
 Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am ¹full 20
 of heaviness:
 And I looked for some to take pity, but there
 was none;
 And for comforters, but I found none.
 They gave me also ²gall for my meat; 21
 And in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.
 Let their table before them become a snare; 22
 And when they are in peace, *let it become a*
trap.
 Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not; 23
 And make their loins continually to shake.
 Pour out thine indignation upon them, 24
 And let the fierceness of thine anger overtake
 them.
 Let their ³habitation be desolate; 25
 Let none dwell in their tents.
 For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten; 26
 And they tell of the ⁴sorrow of those whom thou
 hast wounded.
 Add iniquity unto their iniquity: 27
 And let them not come into thy righteousness.
 Let them be blotted out of the book of ⁵life, 28
 And not be written with the righteous.
 But I am poor and ⁶sorrowful: 29
 Let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.
 I will praise the name of God with a song, 30
 And will magnify him with thanksgiving.
 And it shall please the LORD better than an ox, 31
Or a bullock that hath horns and hoofs.
 The meek have seen it, and are glad: 32
 Ye that seek after God, let your heart live.

¹ Or, *sore sick*² See Deut.
xxix. 18.³ Or,
*encampment*⁴ Or, *pain*⁵ Or, *the*
*living*⁶ Or, *in pain*

- 33 For the LORD heareth the needy,
And despiseth not his prisoners.
34 Let heaven and earth praise him,
The seas, and every thing that moveth therein.
35 For God will save Zion, and build the cities of
Judah;
And they shall abide there, and have it in
possession.
36 The seed also of his servants shall inherit it;
And they that love his name shall dwell therein.

70 For the Chief Musician. *A Psalm* of David; ¹ to bring to remembrance. ¹ Or, to make memorial

¹ ² *Make haste*, O God, to deliver me;
Make haste to help me, O LORD. ² See Ps. xl. 13—17.

² Let them be ashamed and confounded
That seek after my soul:
Let them be turned backward and brought to
dishonour
That delight in my hurt.

³ Let them be turned back ³by reason of their shame ³Or, for a reward of
That say, Aha, Aha.

⁴ Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad
in thee;
And let such as love thy salvation say con-
tinually,
Let God be magnified.

⁵ But I am poor and needy;
Make haste unto me, O God:
Thou art my help and my deliverer;
O LORD, make no tarrying.

71 ¹ 'In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust:
Let me never be ashamed. ⁴ See Ps. xxxi. 1—3.

² Deliver me in thy righteousness, and rescue
me:
Bow down thine ear unto me, and save me.

¹ According to some ancient authorities, *a strong rock, whereunto &c.*

Be thou to me ¹ a rock of habitation, whereunto 3

I may continually resort :

Thou hast given commandment to save me ;

For thou art my rock and my fortress.

Rescue me, O my God, out of the hand of the 4
wicked,

Out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel
man.

For thou art my hope, O Lord God : 5

Thou art my trust from my youth.

By thee have I been holden up from the 6
womb:

² Or, *Thou hast been my benefactor from &c.*

² Thou art he that took me out of my mother's
bowels :

My praise shall be continually of thee.

I am as a wonder unto many ; 7

But thou art my strong refuge.

My mouth shall be filled with thy praise, 8

And with thy honour all the day.

Cast me not off in the time of old age ; 9

Forsake me not when my strength faileth.

For mine enemies speak concerning me ; 10

And they that watch for my soul take counsel
together,

Saying, God hath forsaken him : 11

Pursue and take him ; for there is none to
deliver.

O God, be not far from me : 12

O my God, make haste to help me.

Let them be ashamed *and* consumed that are 13
adversaries to my soul ;

Let them be covered with reproach and dis-
honour that seek my hurt.

But I will hope continually, 14

And will praise thee yet more and more.

My mouth shall tell of thy righteousness, 15

And of thy salvation all the day ;

For I know not the numbers *thereof*.

- 16 I will come ¹with the mighty acts of the Lord
 GOD : ¹ Or, *in the strength*
 I will make mention of thy righteousness, even
 of thine only.
- 17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth ;
 And hitherto have I declared thy wondrous
 works.
- 18 Yea, even ²when I am old and grayheaded, O
 God, forsake me not ; ² Heb. *unto old age and gray hairs.*
 Until I have declared ³thy strength unto *the* ³ Heb. *thine arm.*
next generation,
 Thy might to every one that is to come.
- 19 Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high ;
 Thou who hast done great things,
 O God, who is like unto thee ?
- 20 Thou, which hast shewed ⁴us many and sore
 troubles, ⁴ Another reading is, *me.*
 Shalt quicken ⁴us again,
 And shalt bring ⁴us up again from the depths
 of the earth.
- 21 Increase thou my greatness,
 And turn again and comfort me.
- 22 I will also praise thee with the psaltery,
Even thy truth, O my God :
 Unto thee will I sing praises with the harp,
 O thou Holy One of Israel.
- 23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing praises
 unto thee ;
 And my soul, which thou hast redeemed.
- 24 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness
 all the day long :
 For they are ashamed, for they are confounded,
 that seek my hurt.

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A Psalm of Solomon.

- ¹ Give the king thy judgements, O God,
 And thy righteousness unto the king's son.
- ² ⁵ He shall judge thy people with righteousness, ⁵ Or, *Let him and so throughout the Psalm.*

And thy poor with judgement.
 The mountains shall bring peace to the people, 3
 And the hills, in righteousness.
 He shall judge the poor of the people, 4
 He shall save the children of the needy,
 And shall break in pieces the oppressor.
 They shall fear thee while the sun endureth, 5
 And ¹so long as the moon, throughout all
 generations.
 He shall come down like rain upon the mown 6
 grass :
 As showers that water the earth.
 In his days shall the righteous flourish ; 7
 And abundance of peace, till the moon be no
 more.
 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, 8
 And from ²the River unto the ends of the earth.
 They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow 9
 before him ;
 And his enemies shall lick the dust.
 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall 10
³bring presents :
 The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.
 Yea, all kings shall fall down before him : 11
 All nations shall serve him.
 For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth ; 12
 And the poor, ⁴that hath no helper.
 He shall have pity on the ⁵poor and needy, 13
 And the souls of the needy he shall save.
 He shall redeem their soul from ⁶oppression and 14
 violence ;
 And precious shall their blood be in his sight :
 And ⁷they shall live ; and to him shall be given 15
 of the gold of Sheba :
 And men shall pray for him continually ;
 They shall bless him all the day long.
 There shall be ⁸abundance of corn in the ⁹earth 16
 upon the top of the mountains ;

¹ Heb. *before the moon.*

² See Exod. xxiii. 31.

³ Or, *render tribute*

⁴ Or, *and him that hath*

⁵ Or, *weak*

⁶ Or, *fraud*

⁷ Or, *he*

⁸ Or, *an handful*

⁹ Or, *land*

The fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon :
And they of the city shall flourish like grass of
the earth.

17 His name shall endure for ever ;

His name shall ¹be continued ²as long as the
sun :

¹ Or, *have
issue*

And men shall ³be blessed in him ;

² Heb. *before
the sun.*

All nations shall call him happy.

³ Or, *bless
themselves*

18 Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel,
Who only doeth wondrous things :

19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever ;
And let the whole earth be filled with his glory.
Amen, and Amen.

20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

BOOK III.

A Psalm of Asaph.

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¹ Or, <i>Only good is God</i>	¹ Surely God is good to Israel, <i>Even</i> to such as are pure in heart.	1
	But as for me, my feet were almost gone ; My steps had well nigh slipped.	2
² Or, <i>fools</i>	For I was envious at the ² arrogant, When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.	3
³ Or, <i>pangs</i>	For there are no ³ bands in their death : But their strength is firm.	4
⁴ Heb. <i>in the trouble of men.</i>	They are not ⁴ in trouble as <i>other</i> men ; Neither are they plagued like <i>other</i> men.	5
	Therefore pride is as a chain about their neck ; Violence covereth them as a garment.	6
	Their eyes stand out with fatness : ⁵ They have more than heart could wish.	7
⁵ Or, <i>The imaginations of their heart overflow</i>	They scoff, and in wickedness utter oppression : They speak ⁶ loftily.	8
⁶ Or, <i>from on high</i>	They have set their mouth ⁷ in the heavens, And their tongue walketh through the earth.	9
⁷ Or, <i>against</i>	Therefore ⁸ his people return hither : And waters of a full <i>cup</i> are ⁹ wrung out by them.	10
⁸ Another reading is, <i>he will bring back his people.</i>	And they say, How doth God know ? And is there knowledge in the Most High ?	11
⁹ Or, <i>drained</i>	Behold, these are the wicked ; And, being alway at ease, they increase in riches.	12
	Surely in vain have I cleansed my heart, And washed my hands in innocency ;	13
	For all the day long have I been plagued, And ¹⁰ chastened every morning.	14
¹⁰ Heb. <i>my chastisement was.</i>	If I had said, I will speak thus ;	15

Behold, I had dealt treacherously with the generation of thy children.

16 When I thought how I might know this,

¹It was too painful for me;

¹ Heb. *It was labour in mine eyes.*

17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God,
And considered their latter end.

18 Surely thou settest them in slippery places :
Thou castest them down to ²destruction.

² Heb. *ruins.*

19 How are they become a desolation in a moment !
They are utterly consumed with terrors.

20 As a dream when one awaketh ;

So, O Lord, ³when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image.

³ Or, *in the city*

21 For my heart ⁴was grieved,
And I was pricked in my reins :

⁴ Heb. *was in a ferment.*

22 So brutish ⁵was I, and ignorant ;
I was *as* a beast ⁶before thee.

⁵ Or, *am*

⁶ Heb. *with thee.*

23 Nevertheless I am continually with thee :
Thou hast holden my right hand.

24 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel,
And afterward receive me ⁷to glory.

⁷ Or, *with*

25 Whom have I in heaven *but thee* ?

And there is none upon earth that I desire ⁸beside thee.

⁸ Or, *with thee*

26 My flesh and my heart faileth :

But God is the ⁹strength of my heart and my portion for ever.

⁹ Heb. *rock.*

27 For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish :
Thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee.

28 But it is good for me to draw near unto God :
I have made the Lord God my refuge,
That I may tell of all thy works.

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Maschil of Asaph.

¹ O God, why hast thou cast *us* off for ever ?

Why doth thine anger smoke against the sheep
of thy pasture ?

Remember thy congregation, which thou hast ²
 purchased of old,
 Which thou hast redeemed to be the tribe of
 thine inheritance ;

And mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.

Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual ruins, ³

¹ Or, *The
 enemy hath
 wrought all
 evil*

¹ All the evil that the enemy hath done in the
 sanctuary.

Thine adversaries have roared in the midst of ⁴
 thine assembly ;

They have set up their ensigns for signs.

² Or, *made
 themselves
 known*

They ²seemed as men that lifted up ⁵

Axes upon a thicket of trees.

And now all the carved work thereof together ⁶

They break down with hatchet and hammers.

They have set thy sanctuary on fire ; ⁷

They have profaned the dwelling place of thy
 name even to the ground.

They said in their heart, Let us make havoc of ⁸
 them altogether :

³ Or, *places of
 assembly*

They have burned up all the ³synagogues of
 God in the land.

We see not our signs : ⁹

There is no more any prophet ;

Neither is there among us any that knoweth
 how long.

How long, O God, shall the adversary re- ¹⁰
 proach ?

Shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever ?

Why drawest thou back thy hand, even thy ¹¹
 right hand ?

Pluck it out of thy bosom *and* consume *them*.

Yet God is my King of old, ¹²

Working salvation in the midst of the earth.

⁴ Heb.
break up.

Thou didst ⁴divide the sea by thy strength : ¹³

⁵ Or,
sea-monsters

Thou brakest the heads of the ⁵dragons in the
 waters.

Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces, ¹⁴

Thou gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.

15 Thou didst cleave fountain and flood:

Thou driedst up ¹mighty rivers.

¹ Or, ever-flowing

16 The day is thine, the night also is thine:

Thou hast prepared the ²light and the sun.

² Heb. luminary.

17 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth:

Thou hast made summer and winter.

18 Remember this, that the enemy ³hath reproached,

³ Or, hath reproached the LORD

O LORD,

And that a foolish people have blasphemed thy name.

19 O deliver not ⁴the soul of thy turtledove unto the wild beast:

⁴ Or, thy turtledove unto the greedy multitude

Forget not the ⁵life of thy poor for ever.

⁵ Or, multitude

20 Have respect unto the covenant:

For the dark places of the ⁶earth are full of the habitations of violence.

⁶ Or, land

21 O let not the oppressed return ashamed:

Let the poor and needy praise thy name.

22 Arise, O God, plead thine own cause:

Remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee all the day.

23 Forget not the voice of thine adversaries:

The tumult of those that rise up against thee ⁷ascendeth continually.

⁷ Or, which ascendeth

75 For the Chief Musician; *set to* Al-tashheth.
A Psalm of Asaph, a Song.

1 We give thanks unto thee, O God;

We give thanks, ⁸for thy name is near:

⁸ Or, for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare

Men tell of thy wondrous works.

2 When I shall ⁹find the set time,

I will judge uprightly.

⁹ Heb. take.

3 ¹⁰The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved:

¹⁰ Or, When the earth... I set up

I have ¹¹set up the pillars of it.

[Selah

¹¹ Heb. proportioned.

4 I said unto the ¹²arrogant, Deal not arrogantly:

¹² Or, fools

And to the wicked, Lift not up the horn :

Lift not up your horn on high ;

5

¹ Or, *Speak not insolently with a haughty neck*

¹Speak not with a stiff neck.

For neither from the east, nor from the west,

6

² Or, *from the wilderness of mountains, cometh judgement*

Nor yet ²from the ³south, *cometh* lifting up. *from the north*

But God is the judge :

7

He putteth down one, and lifteth up another.

For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine ⁴foameth ;

8

³ Heb.

wilderness.

It is full of mixture, and he poureth out of the same :

⁴ Or, *is red*

Surely the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall ⁵wring them out, and drink them.

⁵ Or, *drain*

But I will declare for ever,

9

I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off ;

10

But the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up.

For the Chief Musician ; on stringed instruments.

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A Psalm of Asaph, a Song.

In Judah is God known :

1

His name is great in Israel.

⁶ Or, *covert*

In Salem also is his ⁶tabernacle,

2

⁷ Or, *lair*

And his ⁷dwelling place in Zion.

⁸ Or, *fiery shafts*

There he brake the ⁸arrows of the bow ;

3

Or, *lightnings*

The shield, and the sword, and the battle. [Selah

⁹ Or, *more than*

Glorious art thou *and* excellent, ⁹from the mountains of prey.

4

The stouthearted are spoiled, they have slept their sleep ;

5

And none of the men of might have found their hands.

At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob,

6

Both chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.

Thou, even thou, art to be feared :

7

And who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry ? *more than seven times with.*

- 8 Thou didst cause sentence to be heard from
heaven ;
The earth feared, and was still,
9 When God arose to judgement,
To save all the meek of the earth. [Selah
10 Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee :
The residue of wrath shalt thou ¹gird upon thee. ¹ Or, *restrain*
11 Vow, and pay unto the LORD your God :
Let all that be round about him bring presents
unto him that ought to be feared.
12 He shall cut off the spirit of princes :
He is terrible to the kings of the earth.

77 For the Chief Musician ; after the manner of
Jeduthun. A Psalm of Asaph.

- 1 I will cry unto God with my voice ;
Even unto God with my voice, and he will give
ear unto me.
2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord :
My hand was stretched out in the night, and
slacked not ;
My soul refused to be comforted.
3 I remember God, and am disquieted :
I complain, and my spirit ²is overwhelmed. [Selah ³ Or, *fainteth*
4 Thou holdest mine eyes watching :
I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
5 I have considered the days of old,
The years of ancient times.
6 I call to remembrance my song in the night :
I commune with mine own heart ;
And my spirit made diligent search.
7 Will the Lord cast off for ever ?
And will he be favourable no more ?
8 Is his mercy clean gone for ever ?
Doth his promise fail for evermore ?
9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious ?
Hath he in anger shut up his tender mer-
cies ? [Selah

And I said, This is my infirmity ; 10

¹ Or, *That the right hand of the Most High doth change*

¹ But I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High.

² Heb. *Fah.*

I will make mention of the deeds of ²the LORD ; 11

For I will remember thy wonders of old.

I will meditate also upon all thy work, 12

And muse on thy doings.

³ Or, *in holiness*

Thy way, O God, is ³in the sanctuary : 13

Who is a great god like unto God ?

Thou art the God that doest wonders : 14

Thou hast made known thy strength among the peoples.

Thou hast with thine arm redeemed thy people, 15

The sons of Jacob and Joseph. [Selah

The waters saw thee, O God ; 16

⁴ Or, *were in pain*

The waters saw thee, they ⁴were afraid :

The depths also trembled.

The clouds poured out water ; 17

The skies sent out a sound :

Thine arrows also went abroad.

The voice of thy thunder was in the whirlwind ; 18

The lightnings lightened the world :

The earth trembled and shook.

Thy way was in the sea, 19

And thy paths in the great waters,

And thy footsteps were not known.

Thou leddest thy people like a flock, 20

By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Maschil of Asaph.

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⁵ Or, *teaching*

Give ear, O my people, to my ⁵law : 1

Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable ; 2

I will utter dark sayings of old :

Which we have heard and known, 3

And our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from their children, 4

- Telling to the generation to come the praises of
the LORD,
And his strength, and his wondrous works that
he hath done.
- 5 For he established a testimony in Jacob,
And appointed a law in Israel,
Which he commanded our fathers,
That they should make them known to their
children :
- 6 That the generation to come might know *them*,
even the children which should be born ;
Who should arise and tell *them* to their children :
- 7 That they might set their hope in God,
And not forget the works of God,
But keep his commandments :
- 8 And might not be as their fathers,
A stubborn and rebellious generation ;
A generation ¹that set not their heart aright,
And whose spirit was not stedfast with God.
- 9 The children of Ephraim, being armed and
carrying bows,
Turned back in the day of battle.
- 10 They kept not the covenant of God,
And refused to walk in his law ;
- 11 And they forgot his doings,
And his wondrous works that he had shewed
them.
- 12 Marvellous things did he in the sight of their
fathers,
In the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 He clave the sea, and caused them to pass
through ;
And he made the waters to stand as an heap.
- 14 In the day-time also he led them with a cloud,
And all the night with a light of fire.
- 15 He clave rocks in the wilderness,
And gave them drink abundantly as out of the
depths.

¹ Or, *that*
prepared not
their heart

He brought streams also out of the rock, 16
 And caused waters to run down like rivers.
 Yet went they on still to sin against him, 17
 To rebel against the Most High in ¹the desert.
 And they tempted God in their heart 18
 By asking meat for their lust.
 Yea, they spake against God ; 19
 They said, Can God prepare a table in the
 wilderness ?
 Behold, he smote the rock, that waters gushed 20
 out,
 And streams overflowed ;
 Can he give bread also ?
 Will he provide flesh for his people ?
 Therefore the LORD heard, and was wroth : 21
 And a fire was kindled against Jacob,
 And anger also went up against Israel ;
 Because they believed not in God, 22
 And trusted not in his salvation.
 Yet he commanded the skies above, 23
 And opened the doors of heaven ;
 And he rained down manna upon them to eat, 24
 And gave them of the corn of heaven.
²Man did eat the bread of the mighty : 25
 He sent them meat to the full.
 He ³caused the east wind to blow in the heaven : 26
 And by his power he guided the south wind.
 He rained flesh also upon them as the dust, 27
 And winged fowl as the sand of the seas :
 And he let it fall in the midst of their camp, 28
 Round about their habitations.
 So they did eat, and were well filled ; 29
 And he gave them that they lusted after.
 They were not estranged from their lust, 30
 Their meat was yet in their mouths,
 When the anger of God went up against them, 31
 And slew of the fattest of them,
 And smote down the young men of Israel.

¹ Or, a dry
land

² Or, Every
one

³ Heb. led
forth the east
wind.

- 32 For all this they sinned still,
And believed not in his wondrous works.
33 Therefore their days did he consume in vanity,
And their years in terror.
34 When he slew them, then they inquired after him:
And they returned and sought God ¹earnestly.
35 And they remembered that God was their rock,
And the Most High God their redeemer.
36 But they flattered him with their mouth,
And lied unto him with their tongue.
37 For their heart was not ²right with him,
Neither were they faithful in his covenant.
38 But he, being full of compassion, forgave *their*
iniquity, and destroyed *them* not :
Yea, many a time turned he his anger away,
And did not stir up all his wrath.
39 And he remembered that they were but flesh ;
A wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.
40 How oft did they rebel against him in the
wilderness,
And grieve him in the desert !
41 And they turned again and tempted God,
And ³provoked the Holy One of Israel.
42 They remembered not his hand,
Nor the day when he redeemed them from the
adversary.
43 How he set his signs in Egypt,
And his wonders in the field of Zoan ;
44 And turned their rivers into blood,
And their streams, that they could not drink.
45 He sent among them swarms of flies, which
devoured them ;
And frogs, which destroyed them.
46 He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar,
And their labour unto the locust.
47 He ⁴destroyed their vines with hail,
And their sycomore trees with ⁵frost.
48 He gave over their cattle also to the hail,

¹ Or, earnestly² Or, steadfast³ Or, limited⁴ Heb. killed.⁵ Or, great
hailstones

And their flocks to hot thunderbolts.
 He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, 49
 Wrath, and indignation, and trouble,
¹ A band of angels of evil.
¹ Heb. *A sending.* He ²made a path for his anger ; 50
² Heb. *levelled.* He spared not their soul from death,
³ Or, *their* But gave ³their life over to the pestilence ;
³ *beasts to the* And smote all the firstborn in Egypt, 51
³ *murrain* The ⁴chief of their strength in the tents of Ham :
⁴ Heb. *beginning.* But he led forth his own people like sheep, 52
 See Deut. xxi. And guided them in the wilderness like a flock.
 17. And he led them safely, so that they feared not : 53
 But the sea overwhelmed their enemies.
⁵ Or, *his holy* And he brought them to ⁶the border of his 54
⁵ *border* sanctuary,
⁶ Or, To this ⁶mountain, which his right hand had
⁶ *mountain* purchased.
⁶ *land* He drove out the nations also before them, 55
 And allotted them for an inheritance by line,
 And made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their
 tents.
 Yet they tempted and rebelled against the Most 56
 High God,
 And kept not his testimonies ;
 But turned back, and dealt treacherously like 57
 their fathers :
 They were turned aside like a deceitful bow.
 For they provoked him to anger with their high 58
 places,
 And moved him to jealousy with their graven
 images.
 When God heard *this*, he was wroth, 59
 And greatly abhorred Israel :
 So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, 60
 The tent which he placed among men ;
 And delivered his strength into captivity, 61
 And his glory into the adversary's hand.
 He gave his people over also unto the sword ; 62

- And was wroth with his inheritance.
 63 Fire devoured their young men ;
 And their maidens had no marriage-song.
 64 Their priests fell by the sword ;
 And their widows made no lamentation.
 65 Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep,
 Like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of
 wine.
 66 And he smote his adversaries backward :
 He put them to a perpetual reproach.
 67 Moreover he refused the tent of Joseph,
 And chose not the tribe of Ephraim ;
 68 But chose the tribe of Judah,
 The mount Zion which he loved.
 69 And he built his sanctuary like the heights,
 Like the earth which he hath established for
 ever.
 70 He chose David also his servant,
 And took him from the sheepfolds :
 71 From following the ewes that give suck he
 brought him,
 To feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inherit-
 ance.
 72 So he fed them according to the integrity of his
 heart ;
 And guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

✱ 79 A Psalm of Asaph.

- 1 O God, the ¹heathen are come into thine in- ¹ Or, *nations*
 heritance ;
 Thy holy temple have they defiled ;
 They have laid Jerusalem on heaps.
 2 The dead bodies of thy servants have they
 given to be meat unto the fowls of the heaven,
 The flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the
 earth.
 3 Their blood have they shed like water round
 about Jerusalem ;

And there was none to bury them.

We are become a reproach to our neighbours, 4

A scorn and derision to them that are round
about us.

How long, O LORD, wilt thou be angry for 5
ever?

Shall thy jealousy burn like fire?

Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that 6
know thee not,

And upon the kingdoms that call not upon thy
name.

For they have devoured Jacob, 7

¹ Or, *pasture* And laid waste his ¹habitation.

Remember not against us the iniquities of our 8
forefathers:

Let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us:

For we are brought very low.

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory 9
of thy name:

And deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy
name's sake.

Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is 10
their God?

Let the revenging of the blood of thy servants
which is shed

Be known among the heathen in our sight.

Let the sighing of the prisoner come before 11
thee;

According to the greatness of ²thy power
preserve thou ³those that are appointed to
death;

² Heb.
thine arm.

³ Heb.
*the children
of death.*

And render unto our neighbours sevenfold into 12
their bosom

Their reproach, wherewith they have reproached
thee, O Lord.

So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture 13

Will give thee thanks for ever:

We will shew forth thy praise to all generations.

- 80 For the Chief Musician ; set to ¹ Shoshannim Eduth. ¹ That is,
A Psalm of Asaph. *Lilies, a*
testimony.
- ¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock ;
Thou that ² sittest upon the cherubim, shine forth. ² Or, *dwellest*
between
- ² Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up thy might,
And come to save us.
- ³ Turn us again, O God ; ³ Or, *Restore*
And cause thy face to shine, and we shall be
saved.
- ⁴ O LORD God of hosts,
How long ⁴ wilt thou be angry against the ⁴ Heb. *wilt*
prayer of thy people ? *thou smoke.*
See Ps.
- ⁵ Thou hast fed them with the bread of tears, *lxxiv. 1.*
And given them tears to drink in large measure.
- ⁶ Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours :
And our enemies laugh among themselves.
- ⁷ Turn us again, O God of hosts ;
And cause thy face to shine, and we shall be
saved.
- ⁸ Thou broughtest a vine out of Egypt :
Thou didst drive out the nations, and plantedst
it.
- ⁹ Thou preparedst *room* before it,
And it took deep root, and filled the land.
- ¹⁰ The mountains were covered with the shadow
of it,
And ⁵ the boughs thereof were *like* ⁶ cedars of ⁵ Or, *the*
God. *cedars of God*
with the
- ¹¹ She sent out her branches unto the sea,
And her shoots unto the River. *boughs thereof*
- ¹² Why hast thou broken down her fences,
So that all they which pass by the way do pluck
her ? ⁶ Or, *goodly*
cedars
- ¹³ The boar out of the wood doth ravage it,

And the wild beasts of the field feed on it.
 Turn again, we beseech thee, O God of hosts : 14
 Look down from heaven, and behold, and visit
 this vine,
 And ¹the stock which thy right hand hath 15
 planted,
 And the ²branch that thou madest strong for
 thyself.
 It is burned with fire, it is cut down : 16
 They perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.
 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, 17
 Upon the son of man whom thou madest strong
 for thyself.
 So shall we not go back from thee : 18
 Quicken thou us, and we will call upon thy name.
 Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts ; 19
 Cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

For the Chief Musician ; set to the Gittith. 81
A Psalm of Asaph.

Sing aloud unto God our strength : 1
 Make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.
 Take up the psalm, and ³bring hither the timbrel, 2
 The pleasant harp with the psaltery.
 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, 3
 At the full moon, on our solemn feast day.
 For it is a statute for Israel, 4
 An ordinance of the God of Jacob.
 He appointed it in Joseph for a testimony, 5
 When he went out ⁴over the land of Egypt :
 Where I heard ⁵a language that I knew not.
 I removed his shoulder from the burden : 6
 His hands were freed from the basket.
 Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee ; 7
 I answered thee in the secret place of thunder ;
 I proved thee at the waters of Meribah. [Selah
 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee : 8
 O Israel, if thou wouldest hearken unto me !

¹ Or, *protect*
 (or *maintain*)
 that which
 &c.

² Heb. *son*.

³ Or, *strike the*
timbrel

⁴ Or, *against*

⁵ Or, *the speech*
of one that
 &c.

- 9 There shall no strange god be in thee ;
 Neither shalt thou worship any strange god.
 10 I am the LORD thy God,
 Which brought thee up out of the land of
 Egypt :
 Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.
 11 But my people hearkened not to my voice ;
 And Israel would none of me.
 12 So I let them go after the stubbornness of their
 heart,
 That they might walk in their own counsels.
 13 Oh that my people would hearken unto me,
 That Israel would walk in my ways !
 14 I should soon subdue their enemies,
 And turn my hand against their adversaries.
 15 The haters of the LORD should ¹submit them-
 selves unto him :
 But their time should endure for ever.
 16 He should feed them also with the ²finest of the
 wheat :
 And with honey out of the rock should I satisfy
 thee.

¹ Or, *yield*
feigned
obedience
 Heb. *lie*.

² Heb. *fat of*
wheat.

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A Psalm of Asaph.

- 1 God standeth in the congregation of God ;
 He judgeth among the gods.
 2 How long will ye judge unjustly,
 And respect the persons of the wicked? [Selah
 3 Judge the ³poor and fatherless :
 Do justice to the afflicted and destitute.
 4 Rescue the ³poor and needy :
 Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked.
 5 They know not, neither do they understand ;
 They walk to and fro in darkness :
 All the foundations of the earth are moved.
 6 I said, Ye are gods,
 And all of you sons of the Most High.
 7 Nevertheless ye shall die like men,

³ Or, *weak*

And fall like one of the princes.
 Arise, O God, judge the earth : 8
 For thou shalt inherit all the nations.

A Song, a Psalm of Asaph.

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O God, keep not thou silence : 1
 Hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.
 For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult : 2
 And they that hate thee have lifted up the head.
 They take crafty counsel against thy people, 3
 And consult together against thy hidden ones.
 They have said, Come, and let us cut them off 4
 from being a nation ;
 That the name of Israel may be no more in
 remembrance.

For they have consulted together with one 5
 consent ;

Against thee do they make a covenant :
 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites ; 6

¹ Or, *Hagrites*
 See 1 Chr. v.
 10.

Moab, and the ¹Hagarenes ;
 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek ; 7
 Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre :
 Assyria also is joined with them ; 8

² Heb. *They*
have been an
arm to the
children of
Lot.

²They have holpen the children of Lot. [Selah
 Do thou unto them as unto Midian ; 9
 As to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the river Kishon :
 Which perished at En-dor ; 10

They became as dung for the earth.
 Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb ; 11

Yea, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna :
 Who said, Let us take to ourselves in posses- 12
 sion

³ Or, *pastures*

The ³habitations of God.
 O my God, make them like the whirling dust ; 13
 As stubble before the wind.

As the fire that burneth the forest, 14
 And as the flame that setteth the mountains on
 fire ;

- 15 So pursue them with thy tempest,
And terrify them with thy storm.
16 Fill their faces with confusion ;
That they may seek thy name, O LORD.
17 Let them be ashamed and dismayed for ever ;
Yea, let them be confounded and perish :
18 That they may know that ¹thou alone, whose
name is JEHOVAH,
Art the Most High over all the earth.

¹ Or, *thou,*
whose name
alone is
JEHOVAH, art
&c.

✚ 84 For the Chief Musician ; set to the Gittith.
A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

- 1 How ²amiable are thy tabernacles,
O LORD of hosts !
2 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the
courts of the LORD ;
My heart and my flesh ³cry out unto the living
God.
3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,
And the swallow a nest for herself, where she
may lay her young,
Even thine altars, O LORD of hosts,
My King, and my God.
4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house :
They will be still praising thee. [Selah
5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee ;
In whose heart are the high ways *to Zion*.
6 Passing through the valley of ⁴Weeping they
make it a place of springs ;
Yea, the early rain covereth it with blessings.
7 They go from strength to strength,
Every one of them appeareth before God in
Zion.
8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer :
Give ear, O God of Jacob. [Selah
9 ⁵Behold, O God our shield,
And look upon the face of thine anointed.
10 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand.

² Or, *lovely*

³ Or, *sing*
for joy

⁴ Or, *balsam*
trees
Heb. *Baca*.
See 2 Sam.
v. 23.

⁵ Or, *Behold*
our shield, O
God

¹ Or, *stand at
the threshold
of &c.*

I had rather ¹be a doorkeeper in the house of
my God,
Than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.
For the LORD God is a sun and a shield : 11
The LORD will give grace and glory :
No good thing will he withhold from them that
walk uprightly.
O LORD of hosts, 12
Blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of **85**
Korah.

² Or, *returned
to*

LORD, thou hast been favourable unto thy land : 1
Thou hast ²brought back the captivity of Jacob.
Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, 2
Thou hast covered all their sin. [Selah
Thou hast taken away all thy wrath : 3
Thou hast turned *thyself* from the fierceness of
thine anger.

³ Or, *Turn
to us*

³Turn us, O God of our salvation, 4
And cause thine indignation toward us to cease.
Wilt thou be angry with us for ever ? 5
Wilt thou draw out thine anger to all gener-
ations ?
Wilt thou not quicken us again : 6
That thy people may rejoice in thee ?
Shew us thy mercy, O LORD, 7
And grant us thy salvation.
I will hear what God the LORD will speak : 8
For he will speak peace unto his people, and to
his saints :
But let them not turn again to folly.
Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear 9
him ;
That glory may dwell in our land.
Mercy and truth are met together ; 10
Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Truth springeth out of the earth ; 11

And righteousness hath looked down from heaven.

12 Yea, the LORD shall give that which is good ;
And our land shall yield her increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him ;
And shall 'make his footsteps a way *to walk in*.

¹ Or, *set us in the way of his steps*

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A Prayer of David.

1 Bow down thine ear, O LORD, and answer me ;
For I am poor and needy.

2 Preserve my soul ; for I am godly :
O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth
in thee.

3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord ;
For unto thee do I cry all the day long.

4 Rejoice the soul of thy servant ;
For unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

5 For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive,
And plenteous in mercy unto all them that call
upon thee.

6 Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer ;
And hearken unto the voice of my supplications.

7 In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee ;
For thou wilt answer me.

8 There is none like unto thee among the gods,
O Lord ;

Neither *are there any works* like unto thy works.

9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come
and worship before thee, O Lord ;
And they shall glorify thy name.

10 For thou art great, and doest wondrous things :
Thou art God alone.

11 Teach me thy way, O LORD ; I will walk in thy
truth :

Unite my heart to fear thy name.

12 I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with my
whole heart ;

And I will glorify thy name for evermore.

¹ Or, *Sheol*
beneath

For great is thy mercy toward me ; 13
And thou hast delivered my soul from ¹the
lowest pit.

O God, the proud are risen up against me, 14
And the congregation of violent men have
sought after my soul,
And have not set thee before them.

But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion 15
and gracious,

² Or, *be*
gracious unto

Slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy and truth. 16
O turn unto me, and ²have mercy upon me ;

Give thy strength unto thy servant,
And save the son of thine handmaid.

Shew me a token for good ; 17
That they which hate me may see it, and be
ashamed,

Because thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and com-
forted me.

A Psalm of the sons of Korah ; a Song.

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³ Or, *His*
foundation
in the holy
mountains the
LORD loveth,
even the
gates &c.

³ His foundation is in the holy mountains. 1

The LORD loveth the gates of Zion 2

More than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Glorious things are spoken of thee, 3

O city of God. [Selah

⁴ Or, *Egypt*

I will make mention of ⁴Rahab and Babylon as 4
among them that know me :

⁵ Heb. *Cush*.

Behold Philistia, and Tyre, with ⁵Ethiopia ;
This one was born there.

Yea, of Zion it shall be said, This one and that 5
one was born in her ;

And the Most High himself shall establish her.

The LORD shall count, when he writeth up the 6
peoples,

This one was born there. [Selah

⁶ Or, *the*
players on
instruments
shall be there

They that sing as well as ⁶they that dance *shall* 7
say,

All my fountains are in thee.

- 88 A Song, a Psalm of the sons of Korah ; for the Chief Musician ; set to Mahalath ¹Leannoth. Maschil of Heman the Ezrahite. ¹ Or, for singing
- 1 O LORD, the God of my salvation,
I have cried day and night before thee :
- 2 Let my prayer enter into thy presence ;
Incline thine ear unto my cry :
- 3 For my soul is full of troubles,
And my life draweth nigh unto ²Sheol. ² Or, the grave
- 4 I am counted with them that go down into the pit ;
I am as a man that hath no help :
- 5 ³Cast off among the dead, ³ Or, Cast away
Like the slain that lie in the grave,
Whom thou rememberest no more ;
And they are cut off from thy hand.
- 6 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit,
In dark places, in the deeps.
- 7 Thy wrath lieth hard upon me,
And thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves. [Selah
- 8 Thou hast put mine acquaintance far from me ;
Thou hast made me an abomination unto them :
I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.
- 9 Mine eye wasteth away by reason of affliction :
I have called daily upon thee, O LORD,
I have spread forth my hands unto thee.
- 10 Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead ?
Shall ⁴they that are deceased arise and praise thee ? ⁴ Or, the shades
[Selah Heb. Rephaim.
- 11 Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave ?
Or thy faithfulness in ⁵Destruction ? ⁵ Heb. Abaddon. See Job xxvi. 6.
- 12 Shall thy wonders be known in the dark ?
And thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness ?
- 13 But unto thee, O LORD, have I cried,

And in the morning shall my prayer come before thee.

LORD, why castest thou off my soul? 14

Why hidest thou thy face from me?

I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth 15
up:

While I suffer thy terrors I am distracted.

Thy fierce wrath is gone over me; 16

Thy terrors have cut me off.

They came round about me like water all the 17
day long;

They compassed me about together.

Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, 18

And mine acquaintance ¹into darkness.

¹ Or, *are*
darkness

Maschil of Ethan the Ezrahite.

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I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: 1

With my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever; 2

Thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.

I have made a covenant with my chosen, 3

I have sworn unto David my servant;

Thy seed will I establish for ever, 4

And build up thy throne to all generations. [Selah

And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O 5

LORD;

Thy faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones.

For who in the skies can be compared unto the 6

LORD?

Who among the ²sons of the ³mighty is like unto the LORD,

A God very terrible in the council of the holy 7
ones,

² Or, *sons of*
God

³ Or, *gods*

See Ps. xxix. 1.

And to be feared above all them that are round
about him ?

8 O LORD God of hosts,
Who is a mighty one, like unto thee, O JAH ?
And thy faithfulness is round about thee.

9 Thou rulest the pride of the sea :
When the waves thereof arise, thou stillest
them.

10 Thou hast broken ¹Rahab in pieces, as one that ¹Or, *Egypt*
is slain ;

Thou hast scattered thine enemies with the arm
of thy strength.

11 The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine :
The world and the fulness thereof, thou hast
founded them.

12 The north and the south, thou hast created
them :

Tabor and Hermon rejoice in thy name.

13 Thou hast ²a mighty arm :

² Heb. *an arm*
with might.

Strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.

14 Righteousness and judgement are the foundation
of thy throne :

Mercy and truth go before thy face.

15 Blessed is the people that know the ³joyful ³Or, *trumpet*
sound *sound* :

They walk, O LORD, in the light of thy coun-
tenance.

16 In thy name do they rejoice all the day :
And in thy righteousness are they exalted.

17 For thou art the glory of their strength :
And in thy favour ⁴our horn shall be exalted.

⁴ Another
reading is,
thou shalt
exalt our horn.

18 For our shield belongeth unto the LORD ;

⁵And our king to the Holy One of Israel.

⁵ Or, *Even to*
the Holy One
of Israel our
King

19 Then thou spakest in vision to thy ⁶saints,
And saidst, I have laid help upon one that
is mighty ;

⁶ Many MSS.
and ancient
versions read
the plural.
Other author-
ities have the
singular.

I have exalted one chosen out of the people.

20 I have found David my servant ;

With my holy oil have I anointed him :
 With whom my hand shall be established ; 21
 Mine arm also shall strengthen him.
 The enemy shall not ¹exact upon him ; 22
 Nor the son of wickedness afflict him.
 And I will beat down his adversaries before him, 23
 And smite them that hate him.
 But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be 24
 with him ;
 And in my name shall his horn be exalted.
 I will set his hand also on the sea, 25
 And his right hand on the rivers.
 He shall cry unto me, Thou art my father, 26
 My God, and the rock of my salvation.
 I also will make him *my* firstborn, 27
 The highest of the kings of the earth.
 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, 28
 And my covenant shall ²stand fast with him.
 His seed also will I make to endure for ever, 29
 And his throne as the days of heaven.
 If his children forsake my law, 30
 And walk not in my judgements ;
 If they ³break my statutes, 31
 And keep not my commandments ;
 Then will I visit their transgression with the 32
 rod,
 And their iniquity with stripes.
 But my mercy will I not utterly take from him, 33
 Nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.
 My covenant will I not ⁴break, 34
 Nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.
 Once have I sworn by my holiness ; 35
 I will not lie unto David ;
 His seed shall endure for ever, 36
 And his throne as the sun before me.
 It shall be established for ever as the moon, 37
 And *as* the faithful witness in the sky. [Selah
 But thou hast cast off and rejected, 38

¹ Or, *do him violence*

² Or, *be faithful*

³ Heb. *profane*.

⁴ Or, *One thing*

⁵ Or, *As the moon which is established for ever, and as the faithful witness &c. or, and is a faithful witness &c.*

⁶ Or, *And the witness in the sky is faithful*

- Thou hast been wroth with thine anointed.
 39 Thou hast abhorred the covenant of thy servant :
 Thou hast profaned his crown *even* to the ground.
 40 Thou hast broken down all his hedges ;
 Thou hast brought his strong holds to ruin.
 41 All that pass by the way spoil him :
 He is become a reproach to his neighbours.
 42 Thou hast exalted the right hand of his ad-
 versaries ;
 Thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.
 43 Yea, thou turnest back the edge of his sword,
 And hast not made him to stand in the battle.
 44 Thou hast made his brightness to cease,
 And cast his throne down to the ground.
 45 The days of his youth hast thou shortened :
 Thou hast covered him with shame. [Selah
 46 How long, O LORD, wilt thou hide thyself for ever ?
How long shall thy wrath burn like fire ?
 47 O remember how short my time is :
 For what vanity hast thou created all the child-
 ren of men !
 48 What man is he that shall live and not see
 death,
 That shall deliver his soul from the ¹power of ¹ Heb. *hand*.
²Sheol ? [Selah ² Or, *the grave*
 49 Lord, where are thy former mercies,
 Which thou swarest unto David in thy faithful-
 ness ?
 50 Remember, Lord, the reproach of thy servants ;
 How I do bear in my bosom *the reproach of*
 all the ³mighty peoples ; ³ Or, *many*
 51 Wherewith thine enemies have reproached, O
 LORD,
 Wherewith they have reproached the footsteps
 of thine anointed.
 52 Blessed be the LORD for evermore.
 Amen, and Amen.

BOOK IV.

A Prayer of Moses the man of God.

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Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place 1
In all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, 2

¹ Heb. *gavest birth to.*

Or ever thou ¹hadst formed the earth and the world,

Even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

² Or, *dust*
Heb.
crushing.

Thou turnest man to ²destruction ; 3

And sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight 4

³ Or, *when it passeth*

Are but as yesterday ³when it is past,

And as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood ; they 5
are as a sleep :

In the morning they are like grass which grow-
eth up.

In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up ; 6

In the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

For we are consumed in thine anger, 7

And in thy wrath are we troubled.

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, 8

Our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For all our days are passed away in thy wrath : 9

⁴ Or, *a sound*
or *sigh*

We bring our years to an end as ⁴a tale *that is told.*

The days of our years are threescore years and 10
ten,

Or even by reason of strength fourscore years ;

Yet is their pride but labour and sorrow;
For it is soon gone, and we fly away.

11 Who knoweth the power of thine anger,
And thy wrath according to the fear that is due
unto thee?

12 So teach us to number our days,
That we may get us an heart of wisdom.

13 Return, O LORD; how long?
And let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

14 O satisfy us in the morning with thy mercy;
That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

15 Make us glad according to the days wherein
thou hast afflicted us,
And the years wherein we have seen evil.

16 Let thy work appear unto thy servants,
And thy glory upon their children.

17 And let the ¹beauty of the LORD our God be ¹ See
upon us: Ps. xxvii. 4.

And establish thou the work of our hands upon
us;

Yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

✱ 91 ¹ He that dwelleth in the secret place of the
Most High

² Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. ² Or, *That*
abideth...Al-

² I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my
fortress; *mighty; even*
I &c.

My God, in whom I trust.

3 For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the
fowler,

And from the noisome pestilence.

4 He shall cover thee with his pinions,
And under his wings shalt thou take refuge:
His truth is a shield and a buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night,
Nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

6 For the pestilence that walketh in darkness,
Nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, 7
 And ten thousand at thy right hand ;
But it shall not come nigh thee.
 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold, 8
 And see the reward of the wicked.
¹ Or, *Because* ¹ For thou, O LORD, art my refuge ! 9
thou hast said, Thou hast made the Most High thy habitation ;
The LORD is There shall no evil befall thee, 10
my refuge ; Neither shall any plague come nigh thy tent.
 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, 11
 To keep thee in all thy ways.
 They shall bear thee up in their hands, 12
 Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder : 13
 The young lion and the serpent shalt thou
 trample under feet.
 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore 14
 will I deliver him :
 I will set him on high, because he hath known
 my name.
 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him ; 15
 I will be with him in trouble :
 I will deliver him, and honour him.
 With long life will I satisfy him, 16
 And shew him my salvation.

A Psalm, a Song for the sabbath day.

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It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, 1
 And to sing praises unto thy name, O Most
 High :
 To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the 2
 morning,
 And thy faithfulness every night,
 With an instrument of ten strings, and with the 3
 psaltery ;
 With a solemn sound upon the harp.
 For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy 4
 work :

I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

5 How great are thy works, O LORD!

Thy thoughts are very deep.

6 A brutish man knoweth not;

Neither doth a fool understand this:

7 When the wicked spring as the grass,

And when all the workers of iniquity do flourish;

It is that they shall be destroyed for ever:

8 But thou, O LORD, art on high for evermore.

9 For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD,

For, lo, thine enemies shall perish;

All the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

10 But my horn hast thou exalted like *the horn of*
the wild-ox:

I am anointed with fresh oil.

11 Mine eye also hath seen *my desire* on ^{1 Or, them} mine ^{that lie in wait}
enemies, ^{for me}

Mine ears have heard *my desire* of the evil-doers
that rise up against me.

12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree:

He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

13 They that are planted in the house of the
LORD

Shall flourish in the courts of our God.

14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age;

They shall be full of sap and green:

15 To shew that the LORD is upright;

He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness
in him.

93 1 The LORD reigneth; he is apparelled with
majesty;

The LORD is apparelled, he hath girded himself
with strength:

The world also is stablished, that it cannot be
moved.

2 Thy throne is established of old:

Thou art from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O LORD, 3
 The floods have lifted up their voice ;
¹ Or, *roaring* The floods lift up their ¹waves.
 Above the voices of many waters, 4
 The mighty breakers of the sea,
 The LORD on high is mighty.
 Thy testimonies are very sure : 5
 Holiness becometh thine house,
 O LORD, for evermore.

O LORD, thou God to whom vengeance be- 1 **94**
 longeth,
 Thou God to whom vengeance belongeth, shine
 forth.

Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth : 2
 Render to the proud *their* desert.
 LORD, how long shall the wicked, 3
 How long shall the wicked triumph ?
 They prate, they speak arrogantly : 4
 All the workers of iniquity boast themselves.
 They break in pieces thy people, O LORD, 5
 And afflict thine heritage.
 They slay the widow and the stranger, 6
 And murder the fatherless.

² Heb. *Jah*. And they say, ²The LORD shall not see, 7
 Neither shall the God of Jacob consider.
 Consider, ye brutish among the people : 8
 And ye fools, when will ye be wise ?
 He that planted the ear, shall he not hear ? 9
 He that formed the eye, shall he not see ?

³ Or, *instructeth* He that ³chastiseth the nations, shall not he 10
 correct,

Even he that teacheth man knowledge ?
 The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, 11

⁴ Or, *For* ⁴That they are ⁵vanity.
⁵ Heb. *a* *breath*. Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, 12

²O LORD,
 And teachest out of thy law ;

- 13 That thou mayest give him rest from the days
of adversity,
Until the pit be digged for the wicked.
14 For the LORD will not cast off his people,
Neither will he forsake his inheritance.
15 For judgement shall return unto righteousness :
And all the upright in heart shall follow it.
16 Who will rise up for me against the evil-doers ?
Who will stand up for me against the workers of
iniquity ?
17 Unless the LORD had been my help,
My soul had soon dwelt in silence.
18 When I said, My foot slippeth ;
Thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.
19 In the multitude of my ¹thoughts within me ¹ Or, doubts
Thy comforts delight my soul.
20 Shall the ²throne of wickedness have fellowship ² Or, seat
with thee,
Which frameth mischief by statute ?
21 They gather themselves together against the
soul of the righteous,
And condemn the innocent blood.
22 But the LORD hath been my high tower ;
And my God the rock of my refuge.
23 And he hath brought upon them their own
iniquity,
And shall cut them off in their own evil ;
The LORD our God shall cut them off.

- 95 ¹ O come, let us sing unto the LORD :
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our
salvation.
² Let us come before his presence with thanks-
giving,
Let us make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.
³ For the LORD is a great God,
And a great King above all gods.
⁴ In his hand are the deep places of the earth ;

- ¹ Or, *strength* The 'heights of the mountains are his also.
 The sea is his, and he made it ; 5
 And his hands formed the dry land.
 O come, let us worship and bow down ; 6
 Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker :
 For he is our God, 7
 And we are the people of his pasture, and the
 sheep of his hand.
- ² Or, *To-day, if ye will hear his voice, harden &c.* ²To-day, Oh that ye would hear his voice !
 Harden not your heart, as at ³Meribah, 8
 As in the day of ⁴Massah in the wilderness :
³ That is, *strife.* When your fathers tempted me, 9
⁴ That is, *temptation.* Proved me, and saw my work.
 Forty years long was I grieved with *that* 10
 generation,
 And said, It is a people that do err in their
 heart,
 And they have not known my ways :
 Wherefore I swear in my wrath, 11
 That they should not enter into my rest.
- O sing unto the LORD a new song : 1 96
 Sing unto the LORD, all the earth.
 Sing unto the LORD, bless his name ; 2
 Shew forth his salvation from day to day.
 Declare his glory among the nations, 3
 His marvellous works among all the peoples.
 For great is the LORD, and highly to be praised : 4
 He is to be feared above all gods.
⁵ Or, *things of nought* For all the gods of the peoples are ⁵idols : 5
 But the LORD made the heavens.
 Honour and majesty are before him : 6
 Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
 Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the peoples, 7
 Give unto the LORD glory and strength.
 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his 8
 name :
 Bring an offering, and come into his courts.

- 9 O worship the LORD ¹in the beauty of holiness: ¹ Or, *in holy array*
Tremble before him, all the earth.
- 10 Say among the nations, The LORD reigneth:
The world also is stablished that it cannot be
moved:
He shall judge the peoples with equity.
- 11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof;
- 12 Let the field exult, and all that is therein;
Then shall all the trees of the wood sing for joy;
- 13 Before the LORD, for he cometh;
For he cometh to judge the earth:
He shall judge the world with righteousness,
And the peoples ²with his truth. ² Or, *in his faithfulness*
- 97** 1 The LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice;
Let the multitude of isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him:
Righteousness and judgement are the foundation of his throne.
- 3 A fire goeth before him,
And burneth up his adversaries round about.
- 4 His lightnings lightened the world:
The earth saw, and trembled.
- 5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the
LORD,
At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness,
And all the peoples have seen his glory
- 7 Ashamed be all they that serve graven images,
That boast themselves of idols:
Worship him, all ye gods.
- 8 Zion heard and was glad,
And the daughters of Judah rejoiced;
Because of thy judgements, O LORD.
- 9 For thou, LORD, art most high above all the
earth:

Thou art exalted far above all gods.
 O ye that love the LORD, hate evil : 10
 He preserveth the souls of his saints ;
 He delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.
 Light is sown for the righteous, 11
 And gladness for the upright in heart.
 Be glad in the LORD, ye righteous ; 12
 And give thanks to his holy ¹name.

¹ Heb.
memorial.

A Psalm.

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O sing unto the LORD a new song ; 1
 For he hath done marvellous things :
 His right hand, and his holy arm, hath wrought
 salvation for him.
 The LORD hath made known his salvation : 2
 His righteousness hath he openly shewed in the
 sight of the nations.
 He hath remembered his mercy and his faith- 3
 fulness toward the house of Israel :
 All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation
 of our God.
 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth : 4
 Break forth and sing for joy, yea, sing praises.
 Sing praises unto the LORD with the harp ; 5
 With the harp and the voice of melody.
 With trumpets and sound of cornet 6
 Make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.
 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof ; 7
 The world, and they that dwell therein ;
 Let the floods clap their hands ; 8
 Let the hills sing for joy together ;
 Before the LORD, for he cometh to judge the earth : 9
 He shall judge the world with righteousness,
 And the peoples with equity.

The LORD reigneth ; let the peoples tremble : 1 99
 He ²sitteth upon the cherubim ; let the earth be
 moved.

² Or, *dwelleth*
between

- 2 The LORD is great in Zion ;
And he is high above all the peoples.
- 3 Let them praise thy great and terrible name :
Holy is he.
- 4 The king's strength also loveth judgement ;
Thou dost establish equity,
Thou executest judgement and righteousness in
Jacob.
- 5 Exalt ye the LORD our God,
And worship at his footstool :
Holy is he.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
And Samuel among them that call upon his
name ;
They called upon the LORD, and he answered
them.
- 7 He spake unto them in the pillar of cloud :
They kept his testimonies, and the statute that
he gave them.
- 8 Thou answeredst them, O LORD our God :
Thou wast a God that forgavest them,
Though thou tookest vengeance of their doings.
- 9 Exalt ye the LORD our God,
And worship at his holy hill ;
For the LORD our God is holy.

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A Psalm ¹of thanksgiving.

- 1 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, ²all ye
lands.
- 2 Serve the LORD with gladness :
Come before his presence with singing.
- 3 Know ye that the LORD he is God :
It is he that hath made us, ³and we are his ;
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 Enter into his gates with ⁴thanksgiving,
And into his courts with praise :
Give thanks unto him, and bless his name.

¹ Or, *for the
thank offering*
² Heb. *all the
earth.*

³ Another
reading is,
*and not we
ourselves.*

⁴ Or, *a
thank offering*

For the LORD is good ; his mercy *endureth* for 5
 ever ;
 And his faithfulness unto all generations.

A Psalm of David.

101

I will sing of mercy and judgement : 1
 Unto thee, O LORD, will I sing praises.

¹ Or, *give heed*
unto the
perfect way I will ¹behave myself wisely in a perfect way : 2
 Oh when wilt thou come unto me ?

² Or, *in the*
integrity of my
heart I will walk within my house ²with a perfect
 heart.

³ Or, *the doing*
of unfaith-
fulness I will set no base thing before mine eyes : 3
 I hate ³the work of them that turn aside ;
 It shall not cleave unto me.

⁴ Or, *evil*
person A froward heart shall depart from me : 4
 I will know no ⁴evil thing.

Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him 5
 will I destroy :

Him that hath an high look and a proud heart
 will I not suffer.

Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, 6
 that they may dwell with me :

He that walketh in a perfect way, he shall
 minister unto me.

He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within 7
 my house :

He that speaketh falsehood shall not be estab-
 lished before mine eyes.

Morning by morning will I destroy all the 8
 wicked of the land ;

To cut off all the workers of iniquity from the
 city of the LORD.

⁵ Or, *fainteth* A Prayer of the afflicted, when he ⁵is overwhelmed, 102
 and poureth out his complaint before the LORD.

Hear my prayer, O LORD, 1
 And let my cry come unto thee.

- 2 Hide not thy face from me in the day of my
distress :
Incline thine ear unto me ;
In the day when I call answer me speedily.
- 3 For my days consume away ¹like smoke,
And my bones are burned ²as a firebrand.
- 4 My heart is smitten like grass, and withered ;
For I forget to eat my bread.
- 5 By reason of the voice of my groaning
My bones cleave to my flesh.
- 6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness ;
I am become as an owl of the waste places.
- 7 I watch, and am become
Like a sparrow that is alone upon the house-
top.
- 8 Mine enemies reproach me all the day ;
They that are mad against me do curse by me.
- 9 For I have eaten ashes like bread,
And mingled my drink with weeping.
- 10 Because of thine indignation and thy wrath :
For thou hast taken me up, and cast me away.
- 11 My days are like a shadow that ³declineth ;
And I am withered like grass.
- 12 But thou, O LORD, ⁴shalt abide for ever ;
And thy memorial unto all generations.
- 13 Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion :
For it is time to have pity upon her, yea, the set
time is come.
- 14 For thy servants take pleasure in her stones,
And have pity upon her dust.
- 15 So the nations shall fear the name of the LORD,
And all the kings of the earth thy glory :
- 16 For the LORD hath built up Zion,
He hath appeared in his glory ;
- 17 He hath regarded the prayer of the destitute,
And hath not despised their prayer.
- 18 This shall be written for the generation to
come :

¹ Or, *in smoke*² Or, *as an
hearth*³ Or, *is
stretched out*⁴ Or, *sittest
as king*

- And a people which shall be created shall praise
¹the LORD.
 For he hath looked down from the height of his ¹⁹
 sanctuary;
 From heaven did the LORD behold the earth;
 To hear the sighing of the prisoner ; ²⁰
² Heb. *the children of death.* To loose ²those that are appointed to death ;
 That men may declare the name of the LORD ²¹
 in Zion,
 And his praise in Jerusalem ;
 When the peoples are gathered together, ²²
 And the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.
- ³ Another reading is, *He afflicted me with his strength.* ³He weakened my strength in the way ; ²³
 He shortened my days.
 I said, O my God, take me not away in the ²⁴
 midst of my days :
 Thy years are throughout all generations.
 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the ²⁵
 earth ;
 And the heavens are the work of thy hands.
 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure : ²⁶
 Yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment ;
 As a vesture shalt thou change them, and they
 shall be changed :
 But thou art the same, ²⁷
 And thy years shall have no end.
 The children of thy servants shall continue, ²⁸
 And their seed shall be established before thee.

A Psalm of David.

103

- Bless the LORD, O my soul ; ¹
 And all that is within me, *bless* his holy name.
 Bless the LORD, O my soul, ²
 And forget not all his benefits :
 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities ; ³
 Who healeth all thy diseases ;
⁴ Or, *the pit* Who redeemeth thy life from ⁴destruction ; ⁴

Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies:

- 5 Who satisfieth ¹thy mouth with good things ;
So that thy youth is renewed like the eagle.
- 6 The LORD executeth righteous acts,
And judgements for all that are oppressed.
- 7 He made known his ways unto Moses,
His doings unto the children of Israel.
- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and gracious,
Slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.
- 9 He will not always chide ;
Neither will he keep *his anger* for ever.
- 10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins,
Nor rewarded us after our iniquities.
- 11 For as the heaven is high above the earth,
So great is his mercy toward them that fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west,
So far hath he removed our transgressions from us.
- 13 Like as a father pitieth his children,
So the LORD pitieth them that fear him.
- 14 For he knoweth our frame ,
He remembereth that we are dust.
- 15 As for man, his days are as grass ;
As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.
- 16 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone ;
And the place thereof shall know it no more.
- 17 But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting
to everlasting upon them that fear him,
And his righteousness unto children's children ;
- 18 To such as keep his covenant,
And to those that remember his precepts to do them.
- 19 The LORD hath established his throne in the heavens ;
And his kingdom ruleth over all.
- 20 Bless the LORD, ye angels of his :

¹ Or, *thy years*
Or, *thy prime*
Heb. *thine*
ornament.

Ye mighty in strength, that fulfil his word,
 Harkening unto the voice of his word.
 Bless the LORD, all ye his hosts ; 21
 Ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.
 Bless the LORD, all ye his works, 22
 In all places of his dominion :
 Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Bless the LORD, O my soul. I 104

O LORD my God, thou art very great ;
 Thou art clothed with honour and majesty.
 Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment ;

Who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain :
 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters ;

Who maketh the clouds his chariot ;
 Who walketh upon the wings of the wind :
 Who maketh ¹winds his messengers ; 4
 His ministers a flaming fire :

¹ Or, *his
angels winds*

²Who laid the foundations of the earth, 5
 That it should not be moved for ever.
 Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a vesture ;

² Heb. *He
founded the
earth upon her
bases.*

The waters stood above the mountains.
 At thy rebuke they fled ; 7
 At the voice of thy thunder they hasted away ;

³ Or, (*The
mountains
rose, the
valleys sank
down ;*)

³They went up by the mountains, they went 8
 down by the valleys,
 Unto the place which thou hadst founded for them.

Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass 9
 over ;

That they turn not again to cover the earth.
 He sendeth forth springs into the valleys ; 10
 They run among the mountains :
 They give drink to every beast of the field ; 11
 The wild asses quench their thirst.

- 12 By them the fowl of the heaven have their
 habitation,
 They ¹sing among the branches. ¹ Heb. *utter*
their voice.
 13 He watereth the mountains from his chambers :
 The earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.
 14 He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle,
 And herb for the ²service of man ; ² Or, *labour*
 That he may bring forth ³food out of the earth : ³ Heb. *bread.*
 15 And wine that maketh glad the heart of man,
 ⁴And oil to make his face to shine,
 And bread that strengtheneth man's heart. ⁴ Heb. *To*
make his face
to shine with
oil.
 16 The trees of the LORD are ⁵satisfied ; ⁵ See ver. 13.
 The cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted ;
 17 Where the birds make their nests :
 As for the stork, the fir trees are her house.
 18 The high mountains are for the wild goats ;
 The rocks are a refuge for the ⁶conies. ⁶ See Lev. xi 5.
 19 He appointed the moon for seasons :
 The sun knoweth his going down.
 20 Thou makest darkness, and it is night ;
 Wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep
 forth.
 21 The young lions roar after their prey,
 And seek their meat from God.
 22 The sun ariseth, they get them away,
 And lay them down in their dens.
 23 Man goeth forth unto his work
 And to his labour until the evening.
 24 O LORD, how manifold are thy works !
 In wisdom hast thou made them all :
 The earth is full of thy ⁷riches. ⁷ Or, *creatures*
 25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
 Wherein are things creeping innumerable,
 Both small and great beasts.
 26 There go the ships ;
 There is leviathan, whom thou hast formed to
 ⁸take his pastime therein. ⁸ Or, *play with*
him
 27 These wait all upon thee, See Job xli. 5.

That thou mayest give them their meat in due season.

That thou givest unto them they gather ; 28

Thou openest thine hand, they are satisfied with good.

Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled ; 29

¹ Or, *gatherest in* Thou ¹takest away their breath, they die,
And return to their dust.

Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created ; 30

And thou renewest the face of the ground.

Let the glory of the LORD endure for ever ; 31

Let the LORD rejoice in his works :

Who looketh on the earth, and it trembleth ; 32

He toucheth the mountains, and they smoke.

I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live : 33

I will sing praise to my God while I have any being.

Let my meditation be sweet unto him : 34

I will rejoice in the LORD.

Let sinners be consumed out of the earth, 35

And let the wicked be no more.

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

² Heb. *Hallelujah.* ²Praise ye the LORD.

O give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name ; 105

Make known his doings among the peoples.

Sing unto him, sing praises unto him ; 2

³ Or, *Meditate* ³Talk ye of all his marvellous works.

Glory ye in his holy name : 3

Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.

Seek ye the LORD and his strength ; 4

Seek his face evermore.

Remember his marvellous works that he hath done ; 5

His wonders, and the judgements of his mouth ;

O ye seed of Abraham his servant, 6

Ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

- 7 He is the LORD our God ;
 His judgements are in all the earth.
 8 He hath remembered his covenant for ever,
 The word which he commanded to a thousand
 generations ;
 9 *The covenant* which he made with Abraham,
 And his oath unto Isaac ;
 10 And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a statute,
 To Israel for an everlasting covenant :
 11 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan,
 The ¹lot of your inheritance :
 12 When they were but a few men in number ;
 Yea, very few, and sojourners in it ;
 13 And they went about from nation to nation,
 From one kingdom to another people.
 14 He suffered no man to do them wrong ;
 Yea, he reprov'd kings for their sakes ;
 15 *Saying*, Touch not mine anointed ones,
 And do my prophets no harm.
 16 And he called for a famine upon the land ;
 He brake the whole staff of bread.
 17 He sent a man before them ;
 Joseph was sold for a servant :
 18 His feet they hurt with fetters ;
²He was laid in *chains of iron* :
 19 Until the time that his word came to pass ;
 The word of the LORD tried him.
 20 The king sent and loosed him ;
 Even the ruler of peoples, and let him go free.
 21 He made him lord of his house,
 And ruler of all his substance :
 22 To bind his princes at his pleasure,
 And teach his ³senators wisdom.
 23 Israel also came into Egypt ;
 And Jacob sojourn'd in the land of Ham.
 24 And he increased his people greatly,
 And made them stronger than their adversaries.
 25 He turned their heart to hate his people,

¹ Heb. *cord*,
or, *line*.

² Heb. *His
soul entered
into the iron*.

³ Heb. *elders*.

To deal subtilly with his servants.
 He sent Moses his servant, 26
And Aaron whom he had chosen.
¹ They set among them ²his signs, 27
 And wonders in the land of Ham.
 He sent darkness, and made it dark ; 28
 And they rebelled not against his words.
 He turned their waters into blood, 29
 And slew their fish.
 Their land swarmed with frogs, 30
 In the chambers of their kings.
 He spake, and there came swarms of flies, 31
 And ³lice in all their borders.
 He gave them hail for rain, 32
And flaming fire in their land.
 He smote their vines also and their fig trees ; 33
 And brake the trees of their borders.
 He spake, and the locust came, 34
 And the cankerworm, and that without number,
 And did eat up every herb in their land, 35
 And did eat up the fruit of their ground.
 He smote also all the firstborn in their land, 36
 The ⁴chief of all their strength.
 And he brought them forth with silver and gold : 37
 And there was ⁵not one feeble person among
 his tribes.
 Egypt was glad when they departed ; 38
 For the fear of them had fallen upon them.
 He spread a cloud for a covering ; 39
 And fire to give light in the night.
 They asked, and he brought quails, 40
 And satisfied them with the bread of heaven.
 He opened the rock, and waters gushed out ; 41
 They ran in the dry places *like* a river.
 For he remembered his holy word, 42
And Abraham his servant.
 And he brought forth his people with joy, 43
And his chosen with singing.

¹ Some ancient versions have, *He*.

² Heb. *the words of his signs*.

³ See Ex. viii. 16.

⁴ Heb. *beginning*.
See Deut. xxi. 17.

⁵ Or, *none that stumbled*

- 44 And he gave them the lands of the nations ;
 And they took the labour of the peoples in
 possession :
 45 That they might keep his statutes,
 And observe his laws.
 'Praise ye the LORD.

¹ Heb.
Hallelujah.

- 106 ¹ Praise ye the LORD.
 O give thanks unto the LORD ; for he is good :
 For his mercy *endureth* for ever.
² Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD,
 Or shew forth all his praise ?
³ Blessed are they that keep judgement,
 And he that doeth righteousness at all times.
⁴ Remember me, O LORD, with the favour that
 thou bearest unto thy people ;
 O visit me with thy salvation :
⁵ That I may see the prosperity of thy chosen,
 That I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation,
 That I may glory with thine inheritance.
⁶ We have sinned with our fathers,
 We have committed iniquity, we have done
 wickedly.
⁷ Our fathers understood not thy wonders in
 Egypt ;
 They remembered not the multitude of thy
 mercies ;
 But were rebellious at the sea, even at the Red
 Sea.
⁸ Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake,
 That he might make his mighty power to be
 known.
⁹ He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it was
 dried up :
 So he led them through the depths, as through
 a ²wilderness.
¹⁰ And he saved them from the hand of him that
 hated them,

² Or, *pasture
 land*

And redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.
 And the waters covered their adversaries : 11
 There was not one of them left.
 Then believed they his words ; 12
 They sang his praise.
 They soon forgot his works ; 13
 They waited not for his counsel :
 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, 14
 And tempted God in the desert.
 And he gave them their request ; 15
 But sent leanness into their soul.
 They envied Moses also in the camp, 16
¹ Or, *holy one* *And* Aaron the ¹saint of the LORD.
 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, 17
 And covered the company of Abiram.
 And a fire was kindled in their company ; 18
 The flame burned up the wicked.
 They made a calf in Horeb, 19
 And worshipped a molten image.
 Thus they changed their glory 20
 For the likeness of an ox that eateth grass.
 They forgot God their saviour, 21
 Which had done great things in Egypt ;
 Wondrous works in the land of Ham, 22
And terrible things by the Red Sea.
 Therefore he said that he would destroy them, 23
 Had not Moses his chosen stood before him in
 the breach,
 To turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy
them.
 Yea, they despised the pleasant land, 24
 They believed not his word ;
 But murmured in their tents, 25
 And hearkened not unto the voice of the
 LORD.
 Therefore he lifted up his hand unto them, 26
 That he would ²overthrow them in the wilder-
 ness :

² Heb. *make them fall.*

- 27 And that he would overthrow their seed among
the nations,
And scatter them in the lands.
- 28 They joined themselves also unto ¹Baal-peor, ¹ See Num.
And ate the sacrifices of the dead. xxv. 3.
- 29 Thus they provoked him to anger with their
doings ;
And the plague brake in upon them.
- 30 Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judge-
ment :
And so the plague was stayed.
- 31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness,
Unto all generations for evermore.
- 32 They angered him also at the waters of ²Meri- ² Or, *strife*
bah,
So that it went ill with Moses for their sakes :
- 33 Because they were rebellious against his spirit,
And he spake unadvisedly with his lips.
- 34 They did not destroy the peoples,
As the LORD commanded them ;
- 35 But mingled themselves with the nations,
And learned their works :
- 36 And they served their idols ;
Which became a snare unto them :
- 37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daugh-
ters unto demons,
- 38 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their
sons and of their daughters,
Whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan ;
And the land was polluted with blood.
- 39 Thus were they defiled with their works,
And went a whoring in their doings.
- 40 Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled
against his people,
And he abhorred his inheritance.
- 41 And he gave them into the hand of the nations ;
And they that hated them ruled over them.
- 42 Their enemies also oppressed them,

And they were brought into subjection under
their hand.
Many times did he deliver them ; 43
But they were rebellious in their counsel,
And were brought low in their iniquity.
Nevertheless he regarded their distress, 44
When he heard their cry :
And he remembered for them his covenant, 45
And repented according to the multitude of his
mercies.
He made them also to be pitied 46
Of all those that carried them captives.
Save us, O LORD our God, 47
And gather us from among the nations,
To give thanks unto thy holy name,
And to triumph in thy praise.
Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, 48
From everlasting even to everlasting.
And let all the people say, Amen.
¹Praise ye the LORD.

¹ Heb.
Hallelujah.

BOOK V.

107 ¹ O give thanks unto the LORD ; for he is good :
For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

² Let the redeemed of the LORD say *so*,
Whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the
adversary ;

³ And gathered them out of the lands,
From the east and from the west,
From the north and ¹from the south.

¹ Heb. *from*
the sea.

⁴ They wandered in the wilderness in a desert
way ;

They found no city of habitation.

⁵ Hungry and thirsty,
Their soul fainted in them.

⁶ Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble,
And he delivered them out of their distresses.

⁷ He led them also by a straight way,
That they might go to a city of habitation.

⁸ Oh that men would praise the LORD for his
goodness,
And for his wonderful works to the children of
men !

⁹ For he satisfieth the longing soul,
And the hungry soul he filleth with good.

¹⁰ Such as sat in darkness and in the shadow of
death,

Being bound in affliction and iron ;

¹¹ Because they rebelled against the words of
God,

And contemned the counsel of the Most High :

Therefore he brought down their heart with ¹²
labour;

They fell down, and there was none to help.

Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, ¹³

And he saved them out of their distresses.

He brought them out of darkness and the ¹⁴
shadow of death,

And brake their bands in sunder.

Oh that men would praise the LORD for his ¹⁵
goodness,

And for his wonderful works to the children of
men!

For he hath broken the gates of brass, ¹⁶

And cut the bars of iron in sunder.

¹ Heb. *the*
way of their
transgression.

Fools because of ¹their transgression, ¹⁷

And because of their iniquities, are afflicted.

Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; ¹⁸

And they draw near unto the gates of death.

Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, ¹⁹

And he saveth them out of their distresses.

He sendeth his word, and healeth them, ²⁰

² Heb. *pits.*

And delivereth *them* from their ²destructions.

Oh that men would praise the LORD for his ²¹
goodness,

And for his wonderful works to the children of
men!

And let them offer the sacrifices of thanksgiving, ²²

And declare his works with singing.

They that go down to the sea in ships, ²³

That do business in great waters;

These see the works of the LORD, ²⁴

And his wonders in the deep.

For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy ²⁵
wind,

Which lifteth up the waves thereof.

They mount up to the heaven, they go down ²⁶
again to the depths:

- Their soul melteth away because of trouble.
27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man,
And ¹are at their wits' end.
28 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble,
And he bringeth them out of their distresses.
29 He maketh the storm a calm,
So that the waves thereof are still.
30 Then are they glad because they be quiet;
So he bringeth them unto ²the haven where they would be.
31 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness,
And for his wonderful works to the children of men!
32 Let them exalt him also in the assembly of the people,
And praise him in the seat of the elders.
33 He turneth rivers into a wilderness,
And watersprings into a thirsty ground;
34 A fruitful land into a salt desert,
For the wickedness of them that dwell therein.
35 He turneth a wilderness into a pool of water,
And a dry land into watersprings.
36 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell,
That they may prepare a city of habitation;
37 And sow fields, and plant vineyards,
And get them fruits of increase.
38 He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly;
And he suffereth not their cattle to decrease.
39 Again, they are minished and bowed down
Through oppression, trouble, and sorrow.
40 He poureth contempt upon princes,
And causeth them to wander in the waste,
where there is no way.
41 Yet setteth he the needy on high from affliction,

¹ Heb. *all their wisdom is swallowed up.*

² Heb. *the haven of their desire.*

And maketh *him* families like a flock.
 The upright shall see it, and be glad ; 42
 And all iniquity shall stop her mouth.
 Whoso is wise shall give heed to these things, 43
 And they shall consider the mercies of the LORD.

A Song, a Psalm of David.

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¹ See Ps. lvii.
 7—11.

¹ My heart is fixed, O God ; 1
 I will sing, yea, I will sing praises, even with
 my glory.

Awake, psaltery and harp : 2

² Or, *I will*
awake the
dawn

² I myself will awake right early.
 I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among 3
 the peoples :

And I will sing praises unto thee among the
 nations.

For thy mercy is great above the heavens, 4

And thy truth *reacheth* unto the skies.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens : 5

And thy glory above all the earth.

³ See Ps. lx.
 5—12.

³ That thy beloved may be delivered, 6

Save with thy right hand, and answer ⁴us.

⁴ Another
 reading is, *me*.

God hath spoken in his holiness ; I will exult : 7

I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley
 of Succoth.

Gilead is mine ; Manasseh is mine ; 8

Ephraim also is the defence of mine head ;

⁵ Or, *lawgiver*

Judah is my ⁵sceptre.

Moab is my washpot ; 9

⁶ Or, *Unto*

⁶ Upon Edom will I cast my shoe :

Over Philistia will I shout.

Who will bring me into the fenced city ? 10

⁷ Or, *Who will*
lead me &c.

⁷ Who hath led me unto Edom ?

⁸ Or, *Will not*
thou, O God,
which hast cast
us off, and
goest...hosts ?

⁸ Hast not thou cast us off, O God ? 11

And thou goest not forth, O God, with our hosts.

Give us help against the adversary : 12

For vain is the ⁹help of man.

⁹ Heb.

salvation.

Through God we shall do valiantly : 13

For he it is that shall tread down our adversaries.

109 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- 1 Hold not thy peace, O God of my praise ;
- 2 For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of
deceit have they opened against me :
They have spoken ¹unto me with a lying ¹Or, *against*
tongue.
- 3 They compassed me about also with words of
hatred,
And fought against me without a cause.
- 4 For my love they are my adversaries :
But I *give myself* unto prayer.
- 5 And they have ²rewarded me evil for good,
And hatred for my love. ² Heb. *laid*
upon me.
- 6 Set thou a wicked man over him :
And let ³an adversary stand at his right hand. ³ Or, *Satan*
Or, *an accuser*
- 7 When he is judged, let him come forth guilty ;
And let his prayer ⁴be turned into sin. ⁴ Or, *become*
- 8 Let his days be few ;
And let another take his office.
- 9 Let his children be fatherless,
And his wife a widow.
- 10 Let his children be vagabonds, and beg ;
And let them seek *their bread* ⁵out of their ⁵Or, *far from*
desolate places.
- 11 Let the extortioner ⁶catch all that he hath ;
And let strangers make spoil of his labour. ⁶ Heb. *snare.*
- 12 Let there be none to ⁷extend mercy unto him ;
Neither let there be any to have pity on his
fatherless children. ⁷ Or, *continue*
kindness
- 13 Let his posterity be cut off ;
In the generation following let their name be
blotted out.
- 14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered
with the LORD ;
And let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.

Let them be before the LORD continually, 15
That he may cut off the memory of them from
the earth.

Because that he remembered not to shew mercy, 16
But persecuted the poor and needy man,
And the broken in heart, to slay *them*.

Yea, he loved cursing, and it came unto him; 17
And he delighted not in blessing, and it was far
from him.

He clothed himself also with cursing as with his 18
garment,

And it came into his inward parts like water,
And like oil into his bones.

Let it be unto him as the raiment wherewith he 19
covereth himself,

And for the girdle wherewith he is girded con-
tinually.

This is the reward of mine adversaries from the 20
LORD,

And of them that speak evil against my soul.

But deal thou with me, O God the Lord, for 21
thy name's sake :

Because thy mercy is good, deliver thou me,

For I am poor and needy, 22

And my heart is wounded within me.

¹ Or, *is* I am gone like the shadow when it ¹declineth : 23

stretched out

I am tossed up and down as the locust.

² Or, *totter* My knees ²are weak through fasting; 24

And my flesh faileth of fatness.

I am become also a reproach unto them : 25

When they see me, they shake their head.

Help me, O LORD my God ; 26

O save me according to thy mercy :

That they may know that this is thy hand ; 27

That thou, LORD, hast done it.

Let them curse, but bless thou : 28

When they arise, they shall be ashamed, but thy
servant shall rejoice.

- 29 ¹Let mine adversaries be clothed with dishonour,
And let them cover themselves with their own
shame as with a mantle.
- 30 I will give great thanks unto the LORD with my
mouth ;
Yea, I will praise him among the multitude.
- 31 For he shall stand at the right hand of the
needy,
To save him from them that judge his soul.

¹ Or, *Mine*
adversaries
shall be
clothed...
and they shall
cover &c.

110

A Psalm of David.

- 1 The LORD saith unto my lord, Sit thou at
my right hand,
Until I make thine enemies thy footstool.
- 2 The LORD shall ²send forth the rod of thy
strength out of Zion:
Rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.
- 3 Thy people ³offer themselves willingly ⁴in the
day of thy ⁵power:
⁶In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of
the morning,
⁷Thou hast the dew of thy youth.
- 4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent,
Thou art a priest for ever
After the ⁸order of Melchizedek.
- 5 The Lord at thy right hand
⁹Shall strike through kings in the day of his
wrath.
- 6 He shall judge among the nations,
¹⁰He ¹¹shall fill *the places* with dead bodies;
He ⁹shall strike through the head ¹²in many
countries.
- 7 He shall drink of the brook in the way:
Therefore shall he lift up the head.

² Or, *stretch*
³ Heb. *are*
freewill
offerings.

⁴ Or, *in the*
day of thy
power, in the
beauties of
holiness: from
&c.

⁵ Or, *army*

⁶ Or, *In holy*
attire
According
to another
reading, *On the*
mountains of
holiness.

⁷ Or, *Thy*
youth are to
thee as the
dew

⁸ Or, *mauner*

⁹ Or, *Hath*
stricken

¹⁰ Or, *The*
places are full
of &c.

¹¹ Or, *hath*
filled

¹² Or, *over a*
wide land

¹³ Heb.
Hallelujah.

- 111 1 ¹³Praise ye the LORD.
I will give thanks unto the LORD with my whole
heart,

In the council of the upright, and in the congregation.

The works of the LORD are great, 2
Sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is honour and majesty : 3
And his righteousness endureth for ever.
He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered : 4

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion.
¹ Heb. *prey*. He hath given ¹meat unto them that fear 5
him :

He will ever be mindful of his covenant.
He hath shewed his people the power of his 6
works,

In giving them the heritage of the nations.
The works of his hands are truth and judgement ; 7
All his precepts are sure.

They are established for ever and ever, 8
² Or, *made* They are ²done in truth and uprightness.
He hath sent redemption unto his people ; 9
He hath commanded his covenant for ever :
Holy and reverend is his name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of 10
wisdom ;

³ Or, *Good* ³ A good understanding have all they that do
repute ⁴thereafter :

⁴ Heb. *them*. His praise endureth for ever.

⁵ Heb. *Hallelujah*. ⁵ Praise ye the LORD.

1 112

Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD,
That delighteth greatly in his commandments.
His seed shall be mighty upon earth : 2
The generation of the upright shall be blessed.
Wealth and riches are in his house : 3
And his righteousness endureth for ever.
Unto the upright there ariseth light in the 4
darkness :

He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

5 Well is it with the man that dealeth graciously and lendeth;

He shall maintain his cause in judgement.

6 For he shall never be moved;

The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings :

His heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.

8 His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, Until he see *his desire* upon his adversaries.

9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the needy; His righteousness endureth for ever :

His horn shall be exalted with honour.

10 The wicked shall see it, and be grieved;

He shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away :

The desire of the wicked shall perish.

113 1 Praise ye the LORD.

Praise, O ye servants of the LORD,

Praise the name of the LORD.

2 Blessed be the name of the LORD

From this time forth and for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same

The LORD's name is to be praised.

4 The LORD is high above all nations,

And his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like unto the LORD our God,

That hath his seat on high,

6 That humbleth himself ² to behold

The things that are in heaven and in the earth ?

7 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust,

And lifteth up the needy from the dunghill ;

8 That he may set him with princes,

Even with the princes of his people.

9 He maketh the barren woman to keep house,

¹ Heb.
Hallelujah.

² Or, *to regard
the heavens
and the earth.*

And to be a joyful mother of children.

¹ Heb.

Hallelujah.

¹ Praise ye the LORD.

When Israel went forth out of Egypt,	1	114
The house of Jacob from a people of strange language ;		
Judah became his sanctuary,	2	
Israel his dominion.		
The sea saw it, and fled ;	3	
Jordan was driven back.		
The mountains skipped like rams,	4	
The little hills like young sheep.		
What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleest ?	5	
Thou Jordan, that thou turnest back ?		
Ye mountains, that ye skip like rams ;	6	
Ye little hills, like young sheep ?		
Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord,	7	
At the presence of the God of Jacob ;		
Which turned the rock into a pool of water,	8	
The flint into a fountain of waters.		

Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us,	1	115
But unto thy name give glory,		
For thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.		
Wherefore should the nations say,	2	
Where is now their God ?		
But our God is in the heavens :	3	
He hath done whatsoever he pleased.		
Their idols are silver and gold,	4	
The work of men's hands.		
They have mouths, but they speak not ;	5	
Eyes have they, but they see not ;		
They have ears, but they hear not ;	6	
Noses have they, but they smell not ;		
They have hands, but they handle not ;	7	
Feet have they, but they walk not ;		
Neither speak they through their throat.		

- 8 They that make them shall be like unto them ;
 Yea, every one that trusteth in them.
 9 O Israel, trust thou in the LORD :
 He is their help and their shield.
 10 O house of Aaron, trust ye in the LORD :
 He is their help and their shield.
 11 Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD :
 He is their help and their shield.
 12 The LORD hath been mindful of us ; he will
 bless *us* :
 He will bless the house of Israel ;
 He will bless the house of Aaron.
 13 He will bless them that fear the LORD,
 Both small and great.
 14 The LORD increase you more and more,
 You and your children.
 15 Blessed are ye of the LORD,
 Which made heaven and earth.
 16 The heavens are the heavens of the LORD ;
 But the earth hath he given to the children
 of men.
 17 The dead praise not ¹ the LORD,
 Neither any that go down into silence ;
 18 But we will bless ¹ the LORD
 From this time forth and for evermore.
² Praise ye the LORD.

¹ Heb. *Yah*.² Heb.
Hallelujah.

- ✧ 116 ¹ I love the LORD, because he hath heard
 My voice and my supplications.
² Because he hath inclined his ear unto me,
 Therefore will I call *upon him* as long as I live.
³ The cords of death compassed me,
 And the pains of ³ Sheol ⁴ gat hold upon me :
 I found trouble and sorrow.
⁴ Then called I upon the name of the LORD ;
 O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.
⁵ Gracious is the LORD, and righteous ;
 Yea, our God is merciful.

³ Or, *the grave*⁴ Or, *found*
me

	The LORD preserveth the simple :	6
	I was brought low, and he saved me.	
	Return unto thy rest, O my soul ;	7
	For the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.	
	For thou hast delivered my soul from death,	8
	Mine eyes from tears,	
	<i>And</i> my feet from falling.	
	I will walk before the LORD	9
¹ Heb. <i>lands</i> .	In the ¹ land of the living.	
² Or, <i>I believed,</i> <i>when I spake</i> <i>thus</i>	² I believe, for I will speak :	10
	I was greatly afflicted :	
³ Or, <i>alarm</i>	I said in my ³ haste,	11
⁴ Heb. <i>liars</i> .	All men are ⁴ a lie.	
	What shall I render unto the LORD	12
	For all his benefits toward me ?	
	I will take the cup of salvation,	13
	And call upon the name of the LORD.	
	I will pay my vows unto the LORD,	14
	Yea, in the presence of all his people.	
	Precious in the sight of the LORD	15
	Is the death of his saints.	
	O LORD, truly I am thy servant :	16
	I am thy servant, the son of thine handmaid ;	
	Thou hast loosed my bonds.	
	I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanks- 17	
	giving,	
	And will call upon the name of the LORD.	
	I will pay my vows unto the LORD,	18
	Yea, in the presence of all his people ;	
	In the courts of the LORD's house,	19
	In the midst of thee, O Jerusalem.	
⁵ Heb. <i>Hallelujah</i> .	⁵ Praise ye the LORD.	
	O praise the LORD, all ye nations ;	1 117
	Laud him, all ye peoples.	
	For his mercy is great toward us ;	2
	And the truth of the LORD <i>endureth</i> for ever.	
	⁵ Praise ye the LORD.	

- 118 ¹ O give thanks unto the LORD ; for he is good :
For his mercy *endureth* for ever.
- ² Let Israel now say,
That his mercy *endureth* for ever.
- ³ Let the house of Aaron now say,
That his mercy *endureth* for ever.
- ⁴ Let them now that fear the LORD say,
That his mercy *endureth* for ever.
- ⁵ Out of my distress I called upon ¹the LORD : ¹ Heb. *Yah.*
¹The LORD answered me *and set me* in a large
place.
- ⁶ The LORD is on my side ; I will not fear :
What can man do unto me ?
- ⁷ The LORD is on my side among them that
help me :
Therefore shall I see *my desire* upon them that
hate me.
- ⁸ It is better to trust in the LORD
Than to put confidence in man.
- ⁹ It is better to trust in the LORD
Than to put confidence in princes.
- ¹⁰ All nations compassed me about :
In the name of the LORD I will cut them off.
- ¹¹ They compassed me about ; yea, they compassed
me about :
In the name of the LORD I will cut them off.
- ¹² They compassed me about like bees ; they are
quenched as the fire of thorns :
In the name of the LORD I will cut them off.
- ¹³ Thou didst thrust sore at me that I might fall :
But the LORD helped me.
- ¹⁴ ¹The LORD is my strength and song ;
And he is become my salvation.
- ¹⁵ The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the
tents of the righteous :
The right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.
- ¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted :

The right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.
 I shall not die, but live, 17
¹ Heb. *Jah*. And declare the works of ¹the LORD.
¹The LORD hath chastened me sore : 18
 But he hath not given me over unto death.
 Open to me the gates of righteousness : 19
 I will enter into them, I will give thanks unto
¹the LORD.
 This is the gate of the LORD ; 20
 The righteous shall enter into it.
 I will give thanks unto thee, for thou hast 21
 answered me,
 And art become my salvation.
 The stone which the builders rejected 22
 Is become the head of the corner.
² Heb. *This is from the LORD*. ²This is the LORD'S doing ; 23
 It is marvellous in our eyes.
 This is the day which the LORD hath made ; 24
 We will rejoice and be glad in it.
 Save now, we beseech thee, O LORD : 25
 O LORD, we beseech thee, send now prosperity.
³ Or, *entereth* Blessed be he that ³cometh in the name of 26
 the LORD :
 We have blessed you out of the house of
 the LORD.
 The LORD is God, and he hath given us light : 27
 Bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the
 horns of the altar.
 Thou art my God, and I will give thanks unto 28
 thee :
 Thou art my God, I will exalt thee.
 O give thanks unto the LORD ; for he is good : 29
 For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

⌘ ALEPH.

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⁴ Or, *upright in way* Blessed are they that are ⁴perfect in the way, 1
 Who walk in the law of the LORD.
 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, 2

- That seek him with the whole heart.
 3 Yea, they do no unrighteousness ;
 They walk in his ways.
 4 Thou hast commanded *us* thy precepts,
 That we should observe them diligently.
 5 Oh that my ways were established
 To observe thy statutes !
 6 Then shall I not be ashamed,
 When I have respect unto all thy command-
 ments.
 7 I will give thanks unto thee with uprightness
 of heart,
 When I learn thy righteous judgements.
 8 I will observe thy statutes :
 O forsake me not utterly.

‡ BETH.

- 9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way ?
 By taking heed *thereto* according to thy word.
 10 With my whole heart have I sought thee :
 O let me not wander from thy commandments.
 11 Thy word have I laid up in mine heart,
 That I might not sin against thee.
 12 Blessed art thou, O LORD :
 Teach me thy statutes.
 13 With my lips have I declared
 All the judgements of thy mouth.
 14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies,
 As much as in all riches.
 15 I will meditate in thy precepts,
 And have respect unto thy ways.
 16 I will delight myself in thy statutes :
 I will not forget thy word.

‡ GIMEL.

- 17 Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live ;
 So will I observe thy word.
 18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold

Wondrous things out of thy law.
 I am a sojourner in the earth : 19
 Hide not thy commandments from me.
 My soul breaketh for the longing 20
 That it hath unto thy judgements at all times.
 Thou hast rebuked the proud ¹that are cursed, 21
 Which do wander from thy commandments.
 Take away from me reproach and contempt ; 22
 For I have kept thy testimonies.
 Princes also sat and talked against me : 23
But thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.
 Thy testimonies also are my delight 24
And ²my counsellors.

¹ Or, *Cursed
are they which
&c.*

² Heb. *the men
of my counsel.*

7 DALETH.

My soul cleaveth unto the dust : 25
 Quickened thou me according to thy word.
 I declared my ways, and thou answeredst me : 26
 Teach me thy statutes.
 Make me to understand the way of thy precepts : 27
 So shall I meditate of thy wondrous works.
 My soul ³melteth for heaviness : 28
 Strengthen thou me according unto thy word.
 Remove from me the way of falsehood : 29
 And grant me thy law graciously.
 I have chosen the way of faithfulness : 30
 Thy judgements have I set *before me*.
 I cleave unto thy testimonies : 31
 O LORD, put me not to shame.
 I will run the way of thy commandments, 32
 When thou shalt enlarge my heart.

³ Heb.
droppeth.

7 HE.

Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes ; 33
 And I shall keep it unto the end.
 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy 34
 law ;
 Yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

- 35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments;
 For therein do I delight.
 36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies,
 And not to covetousness.
 37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity,
 And quicken me in thy ways.
 38 Confirm thy word unto thy servant,
¹Which *belongeth* unto the fear of thee.
 39 Turn away my reproach whereof I am afraid;
 For thy judgements are good.
 40 Behold, I have longed after thy precepts:
 Quicken me in thy righteousness.

¹ Or, *Who* is
 devoted to

† VAU.

- 41 Let thy mercies also come unto me, O LORD,
 Even thy salvation, according to thy word.
 42 So shall I have an answer for him that reproacheth me;
 For I trust in thy word.
 43 And take not the word of truth utterly out
 of my mouth;
 For I have hoped in thy judgements.
 44 So shall I observe thy law continually
 For ever and ever.
 45 And I will walk at liberty;
 For I have sought thy precepts.
 46 I will also speak of thy testimonies before kings,
 And will not be ashamed.
 47 And I will delight myself in thy commandments,
 Which I have loved.
 48 I will lift up my hands also unto thy commandments,
 which I have loved;
 And I will meditate in thy statutes.

† ZAIN.

- 49 Remember the word unto thy servant,
²Because thou hast made me to hope.

² Or, *Wherein*

- This is my comfort in my affliction : 50
¹ Or, *That* ¹ For thy word hath quickened me.
 The proud have had me greatly in derision : 51
Yet have I not swerved from thy law.
 I have remembered thy judgements of old, O 52
 LORD,
 And have comforted myself.
² Or, *Horror* ² Hot indignation hath taken hold upon me, 53
 Because of the wicked that forsake thy law.
 Thy statutes have been my songs 54
 In the house of my pilgrimage.
 I have remembered thy name, O LORD, in the 55
 night,
 And have observed thy law.
 This I have had, 56
³ Or, *That I* ³ Because I kept thy precepts.
have kept

□ CHETH.

- ⁴ Or, *The* ⁴ The LORD is my portion : 57
LORD is my
portion, have
I said : that I
may observe
&c.
 I have said that I would observe thy words.
 I intreated thy favour with my whole heart : 58
 Be merciful unto me according to thy word.
 I thought on my ways, 59
 And turned my feet unto thy testimonies.
 I made haste, and delayed not, 60
 To observe thy commandments.
 The cords of the wicked have wrapped me round ; 61
But I have not forgotten thy law.
 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee 62
 Because of thy righteous judgements.
 I am a companion of all them that fear thee, 63
 And of them that observe thy precepts.
 The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy : 64
 Teach me thy statutes.

↳ TETH.

- Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, 65
 O LORD, according unto thy word.

- 66 Teach me good judgement and knowledge;
For I have believed in thy commandments.
- 67 Before I was afflicted I went astray;
But now I observe thy word.
- 68 Thou art good, and doest good;
Teach me thy statutes.
- 69 The proud have forged a lie against me :
With my whole heart will I keep thy precepts.
- 70 Their heart is as fat as grease ;
But I delight in thy law.
- 71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted ;
That I might learn thy statutes.
- 72 The law of thy mouth is better unto me
Than thousands of gold and silver.

‘ JOD.

- 73 Thy hands have made me and ¹fashioned me : ¹ Or, *established*
Give me understanding, that I may learn thy
commandments.
- 74 They that fear thee shall see me and be glad ;
Because I have hoped in thy word.
- 75 I know, O LORD, that thy judgements are
righteous,
And that in faithfulness thou hast afflicted me.
- 76 Let, I pray thee, thy lovingkindness be for my
comfort,
According to thy word unto thy servant.
- 77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I
may live :
For thy law is my delight.
- 78 Let the proud be ashamed ; for they have
overthrown me ²wrongfully : ² Or, *with falsehood*
But I will meditate in thy precepts.
- 79 Let those that fear thee turn unto me,
³And they shall know thy testimonies. ³ Another reading is, *Even they that know.*
- 80 Let my heart be perfect in thy statutes ;
That I be not ashamed.

CAPH.

My soul fainteth for thy salvation : 81

But I hope in thy word.

Mine eyes fail for thy word, 82

While I say, When wilt thou comfort me ?

¹Or, *wine-skin* For I am become like a ¹bottle in the smoke ; 83

Yet do I not forget thy statutes.

How many are the days of thy servant ? 84

When wilt thou execute judgement on them
that persecute me ?

The proud have digged pits for me, 85

Who are not after thy law.

All thy commandments are faithful : 86

²Or, *with* They persecute me ²wrongfully ; help thou me.

falschood They had almost consumed me upon earth ; 87

But I forsook not thy precepts.

Quicken me after thy lovingkindness ; 88

So shall I observe the testimony of thy mouth.

LAMED.

For ever, O LORD, 89

Thy word is settled in heaven.

Thy faithfulness is unto all generations : 90

Thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.

³Or, *As for thy* ³They abide this day according to thine ordin- 91
judgements,
they abide
this day ances ;

For all things are thy servants.

Unless thy law had been my delight, 92

I should then have perished in mine affliction.

I will never forget thy precepts ; 93

For with them thou hast quickened me.

I am thine, save me ; 94

For I have sought thy precepts.

The wicked have waited for me to destroy me ; 95

But I will consider thy testimonies.

I have seen an end of all perfection ; 96

But thy commandment is exceeding broad.

MEM.

- 97 Oh how love I thy law!
 It is my meditation all the day.
- 98 ¹Thy commandments make me wiser than mine
 enemies ;
 For they are ever with me.
- 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers ;
 For thy testimonies are my meditation.
- 100 I understand more than the aged,
 Because I have kept thy precepts.
- 101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way,
 That I might observe thy word.
- 102 I have not turned aside from thy judgements :
 For thou hast taught me.
- 103 How sweet are thy words unto my ²taste !
Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth !
- 104 Through thy precepts I get understanding :
 Therefore I hate every false way.

¹ Or, *Thou
 through thy
 command-
 ments makes!*

² Heb. *palate.*

NUN.

- 105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
 And light unto my path.
- 106 I have sworn, and have confirmed it,
 That I will observe thy righteous judgements.
- 107 I am afflicted very much :
 Quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy
 word.
- 108 Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of
 my mouth, O LORD,
 And teach me thy judgements.
- 109 My soul is continually in my hand ;
 Yet do I not forget thy law.
- 110 The wicked have laid a snare for me ;
 Yet went I not astray from thy precepts.
- 111 Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage
 for ever ;
 For they are the rejoicing of my heart.

I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes,
For ever, even unto the end.

D SAMECH.

I hate them that are of a double mind ; 113
But thy law do I love.

Thou art my hiding place and my shield : 114
I hope in thy word.

Depart from me, ye evil-doers ; 115
That I may keep the commandments of my God.
Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live ; 116

And let me not be ashamed of my hope.
Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe, 117
And shall have respect unto thy statutes continually.

Thou hast set at nought all them that err from thy statutes ; 118

For their deceit is ¹falsehood.

¹ Or, *vain*

Thou ²puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross : 119

² Heb. *causest to cease.*

Therefore I love thy testimonies.
My flesh trembleth for fear of thee ; 120
And I am afraid of thy judgements.

Y AIN.

I have done judgement and justice : 121
Leave me not to mine oppressors.

Be surety for thy servant for good : 122
Let not the proud oppress me.

Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, 123
And for thy righteous word.

Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, 124
And teach me thy statutes.

I am thy servant, give me understanding ; 125
That I may know thy testimonies.

It is time for the LORD to work ; 126
For they have made void thy law.

- 127 Therefore I love thy commandments
Above gold, yea, above fine gold.
128 Therefore I esteem ¹all *thy* precepts concerning
all *things* to be right;
And I hate every false way.

¹ Or, as read
by the Sept.,
Syr. and Vulg.,
all *thy precepts*
to be right

▷ PE.

- 129 Thy testimonies are wonderful :
Therefore doth my soul keep them.
130 The opening of thy words giveth light ;
It giveth understanding unto the simple.
131 I opened wide my mouth, and panted ;
For I longed for thy commandments.
132 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me,
As thou usest to do unto those that love thy
name.
133 Order my footsteps in thy word ;
And let not any iniquity have dominion over me.
134 Redeem me from the oppression of man :
So will I observe thy precepts.
135 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant ;
And teach me thy statutes.
136 Mine eyes run down with rivers of water,
Because they observe not thy law.

✧ TZADE.

- 137 Righteous art thou, O LORD,
And upright ²are thy judgements.
138 Thou hast commanded thy testimonies in
righteousness
And very faithfulness.
139 My zeal hath ³consumed me,
Because mine adversaries have forgotten thy
words.
140 Thy word is very ⁴pure ;
Therefore thy servant loveth it.
141 I am small and despised :
Yet do not I forget thy precepts.

² Or, in *thy*
judgements

³ Heb.
cut me off.

⁴ Heb. *tried*,
or, *refined.*

Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteous- 142
ness,

And thy law is truth.

¹ Or, *found me* Trouble and anguish have ¹taken hold on me: 143

Yet thy commandments are my delight.

Thy testimonies are righteous for ever : 144

Give me understanding, and I shall live.

פ KOPH.

I have called with my whole heart ; answer me, 145

O LORD :

I will keep thy statutes.

I have called unto thee ; save me, 146

And I shall observe thy testimonies.

I prevented the dawning of the morning, and 147
cried :

I hoped in thy words.

Mine eyes prevented the night watches, 148

That I might meditate in thy word.

Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkind- 149
ness :

² Or, *as thou
art wont*

Quicken me, O LORD, ²according to thy judge-
ments.

³ Or, *that
persecute
me with
wickedness*

They draw nigh ³that follow after wickedness ; 150

They are far from thy law.

Thou art nigh, O LORD ; 151

And all thy commandments are truth.

Of old have I known from thy testimonies, 152

That thou hast founded them for ever.

ר RESH.

Consider mine affliction, and deliver me ; 153

For I do not forget thy law.

Plead thou my cause, and redeem me : 154

Quicken me according to thy word.

Salvation is far from the wicked ; 155

For they seek not thy statutes.

Great are thy tender mercies, O LORD : 156

Quicken me according to thy judgements.

157 Many are my persecutors and mine adversaries ;
Yet have I not swerved from thy testimonies

158 I beheld the treacherous dealers, and ¹was ¹Or, loathed
grieved ;
them

Because they observe not thy word.

159 Consider how I love thy precepts :

Quicken me, O LORD, according to thy loving-kindness.

160 The sum of thy word is truth ;

And every one of thy righteous judgements
endureth for ever.

𐤔 SHIN.

161 Princes have persecuted me without a cause ;
But my heart standeth in awe of thy words.

162 I rejoice at thy word,
As one that findeth great spoil.

163 I hate and abhor falsehood ;
But thy law do I love.

164 Seven times a day do I praise thee,
Because of thy righteous judgements.

165 Great peace have they which love thy law ;
And they have none occasion of stumbling.

166 I have hoped for thy salvation, O LORD,
And have done thy commandments.

167 My soul hath observed thy testimonies ;
And I love them exceedingly.

168 I have observed thy precepts and thy testimonies ;

For all my ways are before thee.

𐤕 TAU.

169 Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD :
Give me understanding according to thy word.

170 Let my supplication come before thee :
Deliver me according to thy word.

171 Let my lips utter praise ;

For thou teachest me thy statutes.
 Let my tongue sing of thy word ; 172
 For all thy commandments are righteousness.
 Let thine hand be ready to help me ; 173
 For I have chosen thy precepts.
 I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD ; 174
 And thy law is my delight.
 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee ; 175
 And let thy judgements help me.
 I have gone astray like a lost sheep ; seek thy 176
 servant ;
 For I do not forget thy commandments.

A Song of Ascents. 120

In my distress I cried unto the LORD, 1
 And he answered me.
 Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, 2
And from a deceitful tongue.
 What shall be given unto thee, and what shall 3
 be done more unto thee,
 Thou deceitful tongue ?
¹ Sharp arrows of the mighty, 4
 With coals of ² juniper.
 Woe is me, that I sojourn in Meshech, 5
 That I dwell among the tents of Kedar !
 My soul hath long had her dwelling 6
 With him that hateth peace.
 I am *for* peace : 7
 But when I speak, they are for war.

¹ Or, It is as
 the sharp
 arrows of the
 mighty man
² Or, broom

A Song of Ascents. 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains : 1
 From whence shall my help come ?
 My help *cometh* from the LORD, 2
 Which made heaven and earth.
³ He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : 3
 He that keepeth thee will not slumber.
 Behold, he that keepeth Israel 4

³ Or, Let him
 not suffer...
 let him not
 slumber that
 &c.

Shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The LORD is thy keeper :

The LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.

6 The sun shall not smite thee by day,

Nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall keep thee from all evil ;

He shall keep thy soul.

8 The LORD shall keep thy going out and thy

coming in,

From this time forth and for evermore.

7 122 A Song of Ascents; of David.

1 I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go unto the house of the LORD.

2 Our feet ¹are standing
Within thy gates, O Jerusalem ;

¹ Or, *have*
stood

3 Jerusalem, that art builded
As a city that is compact together :

4 Whither the tribes go up, even the tribes of
²the LORD,

² Heb. *Yah.*

For a testimony unto Israel,

To give thanks unto the name of the LORD.

5 For there ³are set thrones for judgement,
The thrones of the house of David.

³ Or, *were*

6 ⁴Pray for the peace of Jerusalem :

⁵They shall prosper that love thee.

⁴ Or, *Salute ye*
Jerusalem

7 Peace be within thy walls,

And prosperity within thy palaces.

⁵ Or, *May they*

8 For my brethren and companions' sakes,

I will now ⁶say, Peace be within thee.

⁶ Or,
Speak peace
concerning
thee

9 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God

I will seek thy good.

123 A Song of Ascents.

1 Unto thee do I lift up mine eyes,
O thou that sittest in the heavens.

2 Behold, as the eyes of servants *look* unto the
hand of their master,

As the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her
mistress ;
So our eyes *look* unto the LORD our God,
Until he have mercy upon us.
Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy 3
upon us :
For we are exceedingly filled with contempt.
Our soul is exceedingly filled 4
With the scorning of those that are at ease,
And with the contempt of the proud.

A Song of Ascents ; of David.

124

If it had not been the LORD who was on our 1
side,
Let Israel now say ;
If it had not been the LORD who was on our 2
side,
When men rose up against us :
Then they had swallowed us up alive, 3
When their wrath was kindled against us :
Then the waters had overwhelmed us, 4
The stream had gone over our soul :
Then the proud waters had gone over our 5
soul.
Blessed be the LORD, 6
Who hath not given us as a prey to their
teeth.
Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare 7
of the fowlers :
The snare is broken, and we are escaped.
Our help is in the name of the LORD, 8
Who made heaven and earth.

A Song of Ascents.

125

They that trust in the LORD 1
Are as mount Zion, which cannot be moved,
but abideth for ever.
As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, 2

So the LORD is round about his people,
From this time forth and for evermore.

- 3 For the sceptre of wickedness shall not rest
upon the lot of the righteous ;
That the righteous put not forth their hands
unto iniquity.

- 4 Do good, O LORD, unto those that be good,
And to them that are upright in their hearts.

- 5 But as for such as turn aside unto their crooked
ways,
The LORD shall lead them forth with the
workers of iniquity.
Peace be upon Israel.

126

A Song of Ascents.

- 1 When the LORD ¹turned again the captivity of Zion,
We were like unto them that dream. ¹ Or, brought
back those
that returned
to Zion
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
And our tongue with singing :
Then said they among the nations,
The LORD hath done great things for them.
- 3 The LORD hath done great things for us ;
Whereof we are glad.
- 4 Turn again our captivity, O LORD,
As the streams in the South.
- 5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.
- 6 Though he goeth on his way weeping, ²bearing forth the seed ; ² Or, bearing
the measure of
seed
He shall come again with joy, bringing his
sheaves *with him*.

127

A Song of Ascents ; of Solomon.

- 1 Except the LORD build the house,
They labour in vain that build it :
Except the LORD keep the city,
The watchman waketh but in vain.

It is vain for you that ye rise up early, and so ²
late take rest,

And eat the bread of toil :

¹ Or, *in sleep*

For so he giveth unto his beloved ¹sleep.

Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD : 3

And the fruit of the womb is *his* reward.

As arrows in the hand of a mighty man, 4

So are the children of youth.

Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of ⁵
them :

They shall not be ashamed,

When they speak with their enemies in the gate.

A Song of Ascents.

128

Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD, 1

That walketh in his ways.

For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands : 2

Happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with
thee.

Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine, in the inner- 3
most parts of thine house :

Thy children like olive plants, round about thy
table.

Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed 4

That feareth the LORD.

² Or, *bless thee*

The LORD ²shall bless thee out of Zion : 5

³ Or, *see thou*

And ³thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all
the days of thy life.

Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children. 6

⁴ Or, *And
peace upon
Israel*

⁴Peace be upon Israel.

A Song of Ascents.

129

⁵ Or, *Much*

⁵Many a time have they afflicted me from my 1
youth up,

Let Israel now say;

⁵Many a time have they afflicted me from my 2
youth up :

Yet they have not prevailed against me.

- 3 The plowers plowed upon my back ;
 They made long their furrows.
 4 The LORD is righteous :
 He hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.
 5 Let them be ashamed and turned backward,
 All they that hate Zion.
 6 Let them be as the grass upon the housetops,
 Which withereth afore it ¹groweth up :
 7 Wherewith the reaper filleth not his hand,
 Nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom.
 8 Neither do they which go by say,
 The blessing of the LORD be upon you ;
 We bless you in the name of the LORD.

¹ Or, be
plucked up

130 A Song of Ascents.

- 1 Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O
 LORD.
 2 Lord, hear my voice :
 Let thine ears be attentive
 To the voice of my supplications.
 3 If thou, ²LORD, shouldest mark iniquities,
 O Lord, who shall stand ?
 4 But there is forgiveness with thee,
 That thou mayest be feared.
 5 I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait,
 And in his word do I hope.
 6 My soul *looketh* for the Lord,
 More than watchmen *look* for the morning ;
Yea, more than watchmen for the morning.
 7 O Israel, hope in the LORD ;
 For with the LORD there is mercy,
 And with him is plenteous redemption.
 8 And he shall redeem Israel
 From all his iniquities.

² Heb. *Jah.*

131 A Song of Ascents ; of David.

- 1 LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes
 lofty ;

- ¹ Heb. *walk*. Neither do I ¹exercise myself in great matters,
Or in things too wonderful for me.
Surely I have stilled and quieted my soul ; 2
Like a weaned child with his mother,
My soul is with me like a weaned child.
O Israel, hope in the LORD 3
From this time forth and for evermore.

A Song of Ascents.

132

- LORD, remember for David 1
All his affliction ;
How he sware unto the LORD, 2
And vowed unto the Mighty One of Jacob :
² Heb. *tent*. Surely I will not come into the ²tabernacle of 3
my house,
³ Heb. *the couch of my bed*. Nor go up into ³my bed ;
I will not give sleep to mine eyes, 4
Or slumber to mine eyelids ;
Until I find out a place for the LORD, 5
⁴ Heb. *Tabernacles*. ⁴A tabernacle for the Mighty One of Jacob.
⁵ Or, *Ephraim*. Lo, we heard of it in ⁵Ephrathah : 6
We found it in the field of ⁶the wood.
⁶ Or, *Yaar*. We will go into his tabernacles ; 7
See 1 Chr. xiii. 5. We will worship at his footstool.
Arise, O LORD, into thy resting place ; 8
Thou, and the ark of thy strength.
Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness ; 9
And let thy saints shout for joy.
For thy servant David's sake 10
Turn not away the face of thine anointed.
The LORD hath sworn unto David in truth ; 11
He will not turn from it :
Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.
If thy children will keep my covenant 12
And my testimony that I shall teach them,
Their children also shall sit upon thy throne for evermore.

- 13 For the LORD hath chosen Zion ;
 He hath desired it for his habitation.
 14 This is my resting place for ever :
 Here will I dwell ; for I have desired it.
 15 I will ¹abundantly bless her provision : ¹ Or, *surely*
 I will satisfy her poor with bread.
 16 Her priests also will I clothe with salvation :
 And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.
 17 There will I make ²the horn of David to bud : ² Or, *a horn*
to spring forth
unto David
 I have ³ordained a lamp for mine anointed.
 18 His enemies will I clothe with shame : ³ Or, *prepared*
 But upon himself shall his crown flourish.

133 A Song of Ascents ; of David.

- 1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
 For brethren to dwell together in unity !
 2 It is like the precious oil upon the head,
 That ran down upon the beard,
 Even Aaron's beard ;
 That came down upon the ⁴skirt of his garments ; ⁴ Or, *collar*
 3 Like the dew of Hermon,
 That cometh down upon the mountains of Zion :
 For there the LORD commanded the blessing,
 Even life for evermore.

134 A Song of Ascents.

- 1 Behold, bless ye the LORD, all ye servants of
 the LORD,
 Which by night stand in the house of the LORD.
 2 Lift up your hands ⁵to the sanctuary, ⁵ Or, *in*
holiness
 And bless ye the LORD.
 3 The LORD bless thee out of Zion ;
 Even he that made heaven and earth.

- 135** 1 ⁶Praise ye the LORD. ⁶ Heb.
Hallelujah.
 Praise ye the name of the LORD ;
 Praise *him*, O ye servants of the LORD :
 2 Ye that stand in the house of the LORD.

In the courts of the house of our God.

Praise ye the LORD ; for the LORD is good : 3

Sing praises unto his name ; for it is pleasant.

¹ Heb. *Yah*. For ¹the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, 4

And Israel for his peculiar treasure.

For I know that the LORD is great, 5

And that our Lord is above all gods.

Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that hath he done, 6

In heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all
deeps.

He causeth the vapours to ascend from the 7
ends of the earth ;

He maketh lightnings for the rain ;

He bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.

Who smote the firstborn of Egypt, 8

Both of man and beast.

He sent signs and wond'ers into the midst of 9
thee, O Egypt,

Upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants.

² Or, *great* Who smote ²many nations, 10

And slew mighty kings ;

Sihon king of the Amorites, 11

And Og king of Bashan,

And all the kingdoms of Canaan :

And gave their land for an heritage, 12

An heritage unto Israel his people.

Thy name, O LORD, *endureth* for ever ; 13

Thy memorial, O LORD, throughout all genera-
tions.

For the LORD shall judge his people, 14

And repent himself concerning his servants.

³ See Ps. cxv. ³The idols of the nations are silver and gold, 15

4, &c.

The work of men's hands.

They have mouths, but they speak not ; 16

Eyes have they, but they see not ;

They have ears, but they hear not ; 17

Neither is there any breath in their mouths.

They that make them shall be like unto them ; 18

Yea, every one that trusteth in them.

- 19 O house of Israel, bless ye the LORD:
O house of Aaron, bless ye the LORD:
20 O house of Levi, bless ye the LORD:
Ye that fear the LORD, bless ye the LORD.
21 Blessed be the LORD out of Zion,
Who dwelleth at Jerusalem.
1Praise ye the LORD.

¹ Heb.
Hallelujah.

- × 136 1 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever.
2 O give thanks unto the God of gods:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever.
3 O give thanks unto the Lord of lords:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever.
4 To him who alone doeth great wonders:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever.
5 To him that by understanding made the heavens:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever.
6 To him that spread forth the earth above the
waters:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever.
7 To him that made great lights:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever:
8 The sun to rule by day:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever:
9 The moon and stars to rule by night:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever.
10 To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever:
11 And brought out Israel from among them:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever:
12 With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever.
13 To him which divided the Red Sea in sunder:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever:
14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever:

¹ Heb.
shook off.

But ¹overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red 15
Sea:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

To him which led his people through the 16
wilderness:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

To him which smote great kings: 17

For his mercy *endureth* for ever:

And slew famous kings: 18

For his mercy *endureth* for ever:

Sihon king of the Amorites: 19

For his mercy *endureth* for ever:

And Og king of Bashan: 20

For his mercy *endureth* for ever:

And gave their land for an heritage: 21

For his mercy *endureth* for ever:

Even an heritage unto Israel his servant: 22

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

Who remembered us in our low estate: 23

For his mercy *endureth* for ever:

And hath delivered us from our adversaries: 24

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

He giveth food to all flesh: 25

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

O give thanks unto the God of heaven: 26

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

By the rivers of Babylon, 1 137 X

There we sat down, yea, we wept,

When we remembered Zion.

Upon the willows in the midst thereof 2

We hanged up our harps.

For there they that led us captive required of 3

us ²songs,

And ³they that wasted us *required of us* mirth,

saying,

Sing us one of the songs of Zion.

How shall we sing the LORD's song 4

² Heb. words
of song.

³ Or, our
tormentors

- In a strange land?
5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem,
Let my right hand forget *her cunning*.
6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth,
If I remember thee not;
If I prefer not Jerusalem
Above my chief joy.
7 Remember, O LORD, against the children of
Edom
The day of Jerusalem;
Who said, Rase it, rase it,
Even to the foundation thereof.
8 O daughter of Babylon, ¹that art to be destroyed; ¹ Or, *that art*
Happy shall he be, that rewardeth thee *laid waste*
As thou hast served us.
9 Happy shall he be, that taketh and dasheth thy
little ones
Against the rock.

138

A Psalm of David.

- 1 I will give thee thanks with my whole heart:
Before the gods will I sing praises unto thee.
2 I will worship toward thy holy temple,
And give thanks unto thy name for thy loving-
kindness and for thy truth:
For thou hast magnified thy word above all thy
name.
3 In the day that I called thou answeredst me,
Thou didst encourage me with strength in my
soul.
4 All the kings of the earth shall give thee thanks,
O LORD,
For they have heard the words of thy mouth.
5 Yea, they shall sing of the ways of the LORD;
For great is the glory of the LORD.
6 For though the LORD be high, yet hath he re-
spect unto the lowly:
But the haughty he knoweth from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt 7
 revive me ;
 Thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the
 wrath of mine enemies,
 And thy right hand shall save me.
 The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me : 8
 Thy mercy, O LORD, *endureth* for ever ;
 Forsake not the works of thine own hands.

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. 139 ↗

O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known *me*. 1
 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine up- 2
 rising,
 Thou understandest my thought afar off.
 Thou ¹searchest out my path and my lying down, 3
 And art acquainted with all my ways.
 For there is not a word in my tongue, 4
 But, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.
 Thou hast beset me behind and before, 5
 And laid thine hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me ; 6
 It is high, I cannot attain unto it.
 Whither shall I go from thy spirit ? 7
 Or whither shall I flee from thy presence ?
 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there : 8
 If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, thou art
 there.
 If I take the wings of the morning, 9
 And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea ;
 Even there shall thy hand lead me, 10
 And thy right hand shall hold me.
² Or, *cover* If I say, Surely the darkness shall ²overwhelm 11
 me,
³ Or, *Then the night shall be light about me* ³And the light about me shall be night ;
 Even the darkness hideth not from thee, 12
 But the night shineth as the day :
 The darkness and the light are both alike *to thee*.
⁴ Or, *formed* For thou hast ⁴possessed my reins : 13

- Thou hast ¹covered me in my mother's womb. ¹ Or, *knot me together*
- ¹⁴ I will give thanks unto thee; for I am fearfully
and wonderfully made :
Wonderful are thy works ;
And that my soul knoweth right well.
- ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from thee,
When I was made in secret,
And curiously wrought in the lowest parts of
the earth.
- ¹⁶ Thine eyes did see mine unperfect substance,
And in thy book ²were all *my members* written, ² Or, *they were all written, even the days that were ordained*
Which day by day were fashioned,
When as yet there was none of them.
- ¹⁷ How precious also are thy thoughts unto me,
O God!
How great is the sum of them !
- ¹⁸ If I should count them, they are more in
number than the sand:
When I awake, I am still with thee.
- ¹⁹ ³Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: ³ Or, *Oh that thou wouldst slay*
Depart from me therefore, ye bloodthirsty men.
- ²⁰ For they ⁴speak against thee wickedly, ⁴ Or, *utter thy name*
And thine enemies ⁵take *thy name* in vain. (Heb. *thee*)
- ²¹ Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee?
And ⁶am not I grieved with those that rise up
against thee? Or, as otherwise read, *rebel against thee*
- ²² I hate them with perfect hatred:
I count them mine enemies. ⁵ Or, *lift themselves up against thee for vanity*
- ²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart:
Try me, and know my thoughts : ⁶ Or, *do not I loathe*
- ²⁴ And see if there be any way of ⁷wickedness in
me, ⁷ Or, *grief*
And lead me in the way everlasting.

140 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- ¹ Deliver me, O LORD, from the evil man ;
Preserve me from the violent man :
² Which imagine mischiefs in their heart ;

¹ Or, *stir up wars*

Continually do they ¹gather themselves together for war.

They have sharpened their tongue like a serpent; 3

Adders' poison is under their lips. [Selah

Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; 4

Preserve me from the violent man:

Who have purposed to thrust aside my steps.

The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords; 5

They have spread a net by the way side;

They have set gins for me. [Selah

I said unto the LORD, Thou art my God: 6

Give ear unto the voice of my supplications, O

LORD.

O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, 7

Thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.

Grant not, O LORD, the desires of the wicked; 8

Further not his evil device; *lest* they exalt

themselves. [Selah

As for the head of those that compass me about, 9

Let the mischief of their own lips cover them.

Let burning coals fall upon them: 10

Let them be cast into the fire;

² Or, *floods*

Into ²deep pits, that they rise not up again.

³ Heb. *A man of tongue.*

³An evil speaker shall not be established in the 11
earth:

Evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him.

I know that the LORD will maintain the cause 12
of the afflicted,

And the right of the needy.

Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy 13
name:

The upright shall dwell in thy presence.

A Psalm of David.

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LORD, I have called upon thee; make haste 1
unto me:

Give ear unto my voice, when I call unto thee.

- 2 Let my prayer be set forth as incense before thee;
 The lifting up of my hands as the evening
¹sacrifice. ¹ Or, oblation
- 3 Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth;
 Keep the door of my lips.
- 4 Incline not my heart to any evil thing,
 To be occupied in deeds of wickedness
 With men that work iniquity:
 And let me not eat of their dainties.
- 5 Let the righteous smite me, *it shall be* a kindness;
 And let him reprove me, *it shall be* as oil upon the head;
 Let not my head refuse it:
²For even in their ³wickedness shall my prayer continue. ² Or, *For still is my prayer against their wickedness*
- 6 Their judges are thrown down by the sides of the rock;
 And they shall hear my words; for they are sweet. ³ Or, calamities
- 7 As when one ploweth and cleaveth the earth,
⁴Our bones are scattered at ⁵the grave's mouth. ⁴ According to some ancient authorities, *Their.*
- 8 For mine eyes are unto thee, O GOD the Lord:
 In thee do I put my trust; ⁶leave not my soul destitute. ⁵ Heb. *the mouth of Sheol.*
- 9 Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me,
 And from the gins of the workers of iniquity. ⁶ Or, *pour thou not out my life*
- 10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets,
 Whilst that I withal ⁷escape. ⁷ Heb. *pass over.*

57 ✕ 142 Maschil of David, when he was in the cave;
 a Prayer.

- 1 I cry with my voice unto the LORD;
 With my voice unto the LORD do I make supplication.
- 2 I pour out my complaint before him;

- I shew before him my trouble.
¹ Or, *fainted* When my spirit ¹ was overwhelmed within me, ³
 thou knewest my path.
 In the way wherein I walk have they hidden a
 snare for me.
² According to some ancient versions, *I looked... and saw &c.* ² Look on *my* right hand, and see; for there is ⁴
 no man that knoweth me:
 Refuge hath failed me; no man careth for my
 soul.
 I cried unto thee, O LORD; 5
 I said, Thou art my refuge,
 My portion in the land of the living.
 Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very ⁶
 low:
 Deliver me from my persecutors; for they are
 stronger than I.
 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give ⁷
 thanks unto thy name:
³ Or, *crown themselves because of me* The righteous shall ³ compass me about;
 For thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

A Psalm of David.

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- Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my ¹
 supplications:
 In thy faithfulness answer me, *and* in thy
 righteousness.
 And enter not into judgement with thy servant; ²
 For in thy sight shall no man living be justified.
 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; 3
 He hath smitten my life down to the ground:
 He hath made me to dwell in dark places, as
 those that have been long dead.
⁴ Or, *my spirit fainteth* Therefore ⁴ is my spirit overwhelmed within me; ⁴
 My heart within me is desolate.
 I remember the days of old; 5
 I meditate on all thy doings:
 I muse on the work of thy hands.
 I spread forth my hands unto thee: 6

- My soul *thirsteth* after thee, as a weary land. [Selah
 7 Make haste to answer me, O LORD ; my spirit
 faileth :
 Hide not thy face from me ;
 Lest I become like them that go down into the
 pit.
 8 Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the
 morning ;
 For in thee do I trust :
 Cause me to know the way wherein I should
 walk ;
 For I lift up my soul unto thee.
 9 Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies :
¹ I flee unto thee to hide me.
 10 Teach me to do thy will ; for thou art my God :
² Thy spirit is good ; lead me in ³ the land of
 uprightness.
 11 Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake :
 In thy righteousness bring my soul out of trouble.
 12 And in thy lovingkindness cut off mine enemies,
 And destroy all them that afflict my soul ;
 For I am thy servant.

¹ Heb. *Unto
 thee have I
 hidden.*

² Or, *Let thy
 good spirit
 lead me*

³ Or, *a plain
 country*

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A Psalm of David.

- 1 Blessed be the LORD my rock,
 Which teacheth my hands to war,
And my fingers to fight :
 2 My lovingkindness, and my fortress,
 My high tower, and my deliverer ;
 My shield, and he in whom I trust ;
 Who subdueth my people under me.
 3 LORD, what is man, that thou takest knowledge
 of him ?
 Or the son of man, that thou makest account of
 him ?
 4 Man is like to 'vanity :
 His days are as a shadow that passeth away.
 5 Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and come down :

⁴ Heb.
a breath.

Touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.
 Cast forth lightning, and scatter them ; 6
 Send out thine arrows, and discomfit them.
 Stretch forth thine hand from above ; 7
 Rescue me, and deliver me out of great waters,
 Out of the hand of strangers;
 Whose mouth speaketh vanity, 8
 And their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
 I will sing a new song unto thee, O God : 9
 Upon a psaltery of ten strings will I sing praises
 unto thee.
 It is he that giveth salvation unto kings : 10
 Who rescueth David his servant from the
 hurtful sword.
 Rescue me, and deliver me out of the hand of 11
 strangers,
 Whose mouth speaketh vanity,
 And their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

When our sons shall be as plants grown up 12
 in their youth;
 And our daughters as corner stones hewn after
 the fashion of a palace ;
 When our garners are full, affording all manner 13
 of store ;
 And our sheep bring forth thousands and ten
 thousands in our fields ;
 When our oxen are well laden ; 14
 When there is no breaking in, and no ¹going
 forth,
 And no outcry in our streets ;
 Happy is the people, that is in such a case : 15
 Yea, happy is the people, whose God is the LORD.

¹ Or, *sallying*

A Psalm of praise ; of David.

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I will extol thee, my God, O King ; 1
 And I will bless thy name for ever and ever.
 Every day will I bless thee ; 2

- And I will praise thy name for ever and ever.
 3 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised ;
 And his greatness is unsearchable.
 4 One generation shall laud thy works to another,
 And shall declare thy mighty acts.
 5 Of the glorious majesty of thine honour,
 And of thy wondrous works, will I meditate.
 6 And men shall speak of the might of thy
 terrible acts ;
 And I will declare thy greatness.
 7 They shall utter the memory of thy great good-
 ness,
 And shall sing of thy righteousness.
 8 The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion ;
 Slow to anger, and of great mercy.
 9 The LORD is good to all ;
 And his tender mercies are over all his works.
 10 All thy works shall give thanks unto thee, O
 LORD ;
 And thy saints shall bless thee.
 11 They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom,
 And talk of thy power ;
 12 To make known to the sons of men his mighty
 acts,
 And the glory of the majesty of his kingdom.
 13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
 And thy dominion *endureth* throughout all
 generations.
 14 The LORD upholdeth all that fall,
 And raiseth up all those that be bowed down.
 15 The eyes of all wait upon thee ;
 And thou givest them their meat in due season.
 16 Thou openest thine hand,
 And ¹satisfiest the desire of every living thing.
 17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways,
 And gracious in all his works.
 18 The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon
 him,

¹ Or, *satisfies*
every living
thing with
favour

To all that call upon him in truth.
 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him ; 19
 He also will hear their cry, and will save them.
 The LORD preserveth all them that love him ; 20
 But all the wicked will he destroy.
 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD ; 21
 And let all flesh bless his holy name for ever
 and ever.

¹ Heb.
Hallelujah.

¹ Praise ye the LORD. 1 146

Praise the LORD, O my soul.
 While I live will I praise the LORD : 2
 I will sing praises unto my God while I have
 any being.

Put not your trust in princes, 3
 Nor in the son of man, in whom there is no
 help.

His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his 4
 earth ;

² Or, *purposes*

In that very day his ² thoughts perish.
 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his 5
 help,

Whose hope is in the LORD his God :
 Which made heaven and earth, 6
 The sea, and all that in them is ;

Which keepeth truth for ever :
 Which executeth judgement for the oppressed ; 7
 Which giveth food to the hungry :

The LORD looseth the prisoners ;
 The LORD openeth *the eyes of* the blind ; 8
 The LORD raiseth up them that are bowed
 down ;

The LORD loveth the righteous ;
 The LORD preserveth the strangers ; 9
 He upholdeth the fatherless and widow ;

³ Or, *maketh*
crooked

But the way of the wicked he ³ turneth upside
 down.

The LORD shall reign for ever, 10

Thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.

¹ Praise ye the LORD.

¹ Heb.
Hallelujah.

147 ¹ Praise ye the LORD ;

² For it is good to sing praises unto our God ;
For it is pleasant, *and* praise is comely.

² Or, *For he is good: sing praises unto our God, for he is gracious*

² The LORD doth build up Jerusalem ;
He gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

³ He healeth the broken in heart,
And bindeth up their ³ wounds.

³ Heb.
sorrows.

⁴ He telleth the number of the stars ;
He giveth them all their names.

⁵ Great is our Lord, and mighty in power ;
His understanding is infinite.

⁶ The LORD upholdeth the meek :
He bringeth the wicked down to the ground.

⁷ Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving ;
Sing praises upon the harp unto our God :

⁸ Who covereth the heaven with clouds,
Who prepareth rain for the earth,
Who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

⁹ He giveth to the beast his food,
And to the young ravens which cry.

¹⁰ He delighteth not in the strength of the horse :
He taketh no pleasure in the legs of a man.

¹¹ The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him,
In those that hope in his mercy.

¹² Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem ;
Praise thy God, O Zion.

¹³ For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates ;

He hath blessed thy children within thee.

¹⁴ ⁴ He maketh peace in thy borders ;
He filleth thee with the ⁵ finest of the wheat.

⁴ Heb. *He maketh thy border peace.*

¹⁵ He sendeth out his commandment upon earth ;
His word runneth very swiftly.

⁵ Heb. *fat of wheat.*

¹⁶ He giveth snow like wool ;
He scattereth the hoar frost like ashes.

He casteth forth his ice like morsels : 17
 Who can stand before his cold ?
 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them : 18
 He causeth his wind to blow, and the waters
 flow.
 He sheweth his word unto Jacob, 19
 His statutes and his judgements unto Israel.
 He hath not dealt so with any nation : 20
 And as for his judgements, they have not known
 them.

¹ Heb.
Hallelujah.

¹ Praise ye the LORD.

¹ Praise ye the LORD. 1 148
 Praise ye the LORD from the heavens :
 Praise him in the heights.
 Praise ye him, all his angels : 2
 Praise ye him, all his host.
 Praise ye him, sun and moon : 3
 Praise him, all ye stars of light.
 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, 4
 And ye waters that be above the heavens.
 Let them praise the name of the LORD : 5
 For he commanded, and they were created.
 He hath also stablished them for ever and 6
 ever :

² Or, *which*
none shall
transgress

He hath made a decree ² which shall not pass
 away.

³ Or,
sea-monsters
 Or,
waterspouts

Praise the LORD from the earth, 7
 Ye ³ dragons, and all deeps :
 Fire and hail, snow and vapour ; 8
 Stormy wind, fulfilling his word :
 Mountains and all hills ; 9
 Fruitful trees and all cedars :
 Beasts and all cattle ; 10
 Creeping things and flying fowl :
 Kings of the earth and all peoples ; 11
 Princes and all judges of the earth :
 Both young men and maidens ; 12

Old men and children :

13 Let them praise the name of the LORD ;

For his name alone is exalted :

His glory is above the earth and heaven.

14 And he hath lifted up ¹the horn of his people,
The praise of all his saints ;

¹ Or, a horn
for his people,
a praise for
all his saints ;
even for &c.

Even of the children of Israel, a people near
unto him.

²Praise ye the LORD.

² Heb.
Hallelujah.

149 ¹ ²Praise ye the LORD.

Sing unto the LORD a new song,

And his praise in the assembly of the saints.

² Let Israel rejoice in him that made him :

Let the children of Zion be joyful in their
King.

³ Let them praise his name in the dance :

Let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel
and harp.

⁴ For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people :

He will beautify the meek with ⁵salvation.

² Or, victory

⁵ Let the saints exult in glory :

Let them sing for joy upon their beds.

⁶ Let the high praises of God be in their ⁴mouth,

⁴ Heb. throat.

And a two-edged sword in their hand ;

⁷ To execute vengeance upon the nations,

And punishments upon the peoples ;

⁸ To bind their kings with chains,

And their nobles with fetters of iron ;

⁹ To execute upon them the judgement written :

⁵This honour have all his saints.

⁵ Or, He is the
honour of all
his saints

²Praise ye the LORD.

150 ¹ ²Praise ye the LORD.

Praise God in his sanctuary :

Praise him in the firmament of his power.

² Praise him for his mighty acts :

Praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him with the sound of the trumpet : 3

Praise him with the psaltery and harp.

Praise him with the timbrel and dance : 4

Praise him with stringed instruments and the
pipe.

Praise him upon the loud cymbals : 5

Praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

¹ Heb. *Yah.*

Let every thing that hath breath praise ¹the 6
LORD.

² Heb.
Hallelujah.

²Praise ye the LORD.

THE PROVERBS.

- 1 1 THE proverbs of Solomon the son of David,
king of Israel :
- 2 To know wisdom and instruction ;
To discern the words of understanding ;
- 3 To receive instruction in wise dealing,
In righteousness and judgement and equity ;
- 4 To give ¹subtilty to the simple,
To the young man knowledge and discretion : ¹ Or, *prudence*
- 5 That the wise man may hear, and increase in
learning ;
And that the man of understanding may attain
unto sound counsels :
- 6 To understand a proverb, and ²a figure ; ² Or, *an interpretation*
The words of the wise, and their ³dark sayings. ³ Or, *riddles*
- 7 The fear of the LORD is the ⁴beginning of ⁴ Or, *chief part*
knowledge :
But the foolish despise wisdom and instruction.
- 8 My son, hear the instruction of thy father,
And forsake not the ⁵law of thy mother : ⁵ Or, *teaching*
- 9 For they shall be a chaplet of grace unto thy
head,
And chains about thy neck.
- 10 My son, if sinners entice thee,
Consent thou not.

- If they say, Come with us, 11
 Let us lay wait for blood,
 Let us lurk privily for the innocent without
 cause ;
- ¹ Or, *the grave* Let us swallow them up alive as ¹Sheol, 12
² Or, *Even the perfect* ²And whole, as those that go down into the pit ;
 We shall find all precious substance, 13
 We shall fill our houses with spoil ;
- ³ Or, *Cast in thy lot* ³Thou shalt cast thy lot among us ; 14
 We will all have one purse :
 My son, walk not thou in the way with them ; 15
 Refrain thy foot from their path :
 For their feet run to evil, 16
 And they make haste to shed blood.
- ⁴ Or, *the net is spread in the sight &c.* For in vain ⁴is the net spread, 17
 In the eyes of any bird :
 And these lay wait for their own blood, 18
 They lurk privily for their own lives.
 So are the ways of every one that is greedy of 19
 gain ;
 It taketh away the life of the owners thereof.
- Wisdom crieth aloud in the street ; 20
 She uttereth her voice in the broad places ;
 She crieth ⁵in the chief place of concourse ; 21
 At the entering in of the gates,
 In the city, she uttereth her words :
 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love sim- 22
 plicity ?
 And scorers delight them in scorning,
 And fools hate knowledge ?
 Turn you at my reproof : 23
 Behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you,
 I will make known my words unto you.
 Because I have called, and ye refused ; 24
 I have stretched out my hand, and no man
 regarded ;
 But ye have set at nought all my counsel, 25

And would none of my reproof :

26 I also will laugh in *the day* of your calamity ;

I will mock when your fear cometh ;

27 When your fear cometh as ¹a storm,

And your calamity cometh on as a whirlwind ;

When distress and anguish come upon you.

28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer ;

They shall seek me ²diligently, but they shall ²Or, *early* not find me :

29 For that they hated knowledge,

And did not choose the fear of the LORD :

30 They would none of my counsel ;

They despised all my reproof :

31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way,

And be filled with their own devices.

32 For the backsliding of the simple shall slay them,

And the ³prosperity of fools shall destroy them. ³Or,

33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell ^{careless ease} securely,

And shall be quiet without fear of evil.

2 1 My son, if thou wilt receive my words,
And lay up my commandments with thee ;

2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom,
And apply thine heart to understanding ;

3 Yea, if thou cry after discernment,
And lift up thy voice for understanding ;

4 If thou seek her as silver,
And search for her as for hid treasures ;

5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD,

And find the knowledge of God.

6 For the LORD giveth wisdom ;

Out of his mouth *cometh* knowledge and understanding :

- He layeth up sound wisdom for the upright, 7
¹ Or, And a shield for &c. ¹ *He is* a shield to them that walk in integrity; 8
² Or, That they may keep ² That he may guard the paths of judgement, 8
³ Or, Yea, he preserveth ³ And preserve the way of his saints.
Then shalt thou understand righteousness and judgement, 9
And equity, *yea*, every good path.
For wisdom shall enter into thine heart, 10
And knowledge shall be pleasant unto thy soul;
Discretion shall watch over thee, 11
Understanding shall keep thee :
⁴ Or, the evil man ⁴ To deliver thee from the way of ⁴ evil, 12
From the men that speak froward things;
Who forsake the paths of uprightness, 13
To walk in the ways of darkness;
Who rejoice to do evil, 14
And delight in the frowardness of ⁴ evil;
Who are crooked in their ways, 15
And perverse in their paths :
To deliver thee from the strange woman, 16
Even from the stranger which ⁵ flattereth with her words;
⁵ Heb. maketh smooth her words.
⁶ Or, guide Which forsaketh the ⁶ friend of her youth, 17
And forgetteth the covenant of her God :
⁷ Or, she sinketh down unto death, which is her house ⁷ For ⁷ her house inclineth unto death, 18
And her paths unto ⁸ the dead :
⁸ Or, the shades Heb. Rephaim. ⁸ None that go unto her return again, 19
Neither do they attain unto the paths of life :
⁹ Or, earth ⁹ That thou mayest walk in the way of good men, 20
And keep the paths of the righteous.
For the upright shall dwell in the ⁹ land, 21
And the perfect shall remain in it.
But the wicked shall be cut off from the ⁹ land, 22
And they that deal treacherously shall be rooted out of it.
- ¹⁰ Or, teaching ¹⁰ My son, forget not my ¹⁰ law ; 1 3
But let thine heart keep my commandments:

- 2 For length of days, and years of life,
 And peace, shall they add to thee.
 3 Let not ¹mercy and truth forsake thee : ¹ Or, *kindness*
 Bind them about thy neck ;
 Write them upon the table of thine heart :
 4 So shalt thou find favour and ²good under- ² Or, *good*
repute
 standing
 In the sight of God and man.
 5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart,
 And lean not upon thine own understanding :
 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him,
 And he shall ³direct thy paths. ³ Or, *make*
straight
or *plain*
 7 Be not wise in thine own eyes ;
 Fear the LORD, and depart from evil :
 8 It shall be health to thy navel,
 And ⁴marrow to thy bones. ⁴ Or,
refreshing
Heb.
moistening.
 9 Honour the LORD with thy substance,
 And with the firstfruits of all thine increase :
 10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty,
 And thy fats shall overflow with new wine.
 11 My son, despise not the ⁵chastening of the LORD ; ⁵ Or,
instruction
 Neither be weary of his reproof :
 12 For whom the LORD loveth he reproveth ;
 Even as a father the son in whom he de-
 lighteth.
 13 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom,
 And the man that ⁶getteth understanding. ⁶ Heb. *draweth*
forth.
 14 For the merchandise of it is better than the
 merchandise of silver,
 And the gain thereof than fine gold.
 15 She is more precious than ⁷rubies : ⁷ See Job
xxviii. 18.
 And none of the things thou canst desire are
 to be compared unto her.
 16 Length of days is in her right hand ;
 In her left hand are riches and honour.
 17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness,

And all her paths are peace.
She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon 18
her :

And happy is every one that retaineth her.
The LORD by wisdom founded the earth ; 19
By understanding he established the heavens.
By his knowledge the depths were broken up, 20
And the skies drop down the dew.

My son, let not them depart from thine eyes ; 21
Keep sound wisdom and discretion ;
So shall they be life unto thy soul, 22
And grace to thy neck.

¹ Heb. *thou
shalt not dash
thy foot.*

Then shalt thou walk in thy way securely, 23
And ¹thy foot shall not stumble.
When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid : 24
Yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall
be sweet.

² Or, *storm*

Be not afraid of sudden fear, 25
Neither of the ²desolation of the wicked, when
it cometh :

For the LORD shall be thy confidence, 26
And shall keep thy foot from being taken.
Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, 27
When it is in the power of thine hand to do it.
Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, 28
And to-morrow I will give ;
When thou hast it by thee.

Devise not evil against thy neighbour, 29
Seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.
Strive not with a man without cause, 30
If he have done thee no harm.

Envy thou not the man of violence, 31
And choose none of his ways.

³ Or, *counsel*
Or, *friendship*

For the perverse is an abomination to the LORD: 32
But his ³secret is with the upright.
The curse of the LORD is in the house of the 33
wicked ;

But he blesseth the habitation of the righteous.

34 ¹ Surely he scorneth the scorers,

¹ Or, *Though*

² But he giveth grace unto the lowly.

² Or, *Yet*

35 The wise shall inherit glory ;

But ³ shame shall be the promotion of fools.

³ Or, *fools
carry away
shame*

4 ¹ Hear, *my* sons, the instruction of a father,
And attend to know understanding :

² For I give you good doctrine ;

Forsake ye not my ⁴ law.

⁴ Or, *teaching*

³ For I was a son unto my father,

Tender and ⁵ only beloved in the sight of my mother.

⁵ Heb. *an only
one.*

⁴ And he taught me, and said unto me,

Let thine heart retain my words ;

Keep my commandments, and live :

⁵ Get wisdom, get understanding ;

Forget *it* not, neither decline from the words of
my mouth :

⁶ Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee ;

Love her, and she shall keep thee.

⁷ ⁶ Wisdom *is* the principal thing ; *therefore* get wisdom :

⁶ Or, *The
beginning of
wisdom is, Get
wisdom*

Yea, with all thou hast gotten get under-
standing.

⁸ Exalt her, and she shall promote thee :

She shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost
embrace her.

⁹ She shall give to thine head a chaplet of
grace :

A crown of ⁷ beauty shall she deliver to thee.

⁷ Or, *glory*

10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings ;
And the years of thy life shall be many.

11 I have taught thee in the way of wisdom ;
I have led thee in paths of uprightness.

12 When thou goest, thy steps shall not be
straitened ;

And if thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.
 Take fast hold of instruction ; let her not go : 13
 Keep her ; for she is thy life.
 Enter not into the path of the wicked, 14
 And walk not in the way of evil men.
 Avoid it, pass not by it ; 15
 Turn from it, and pass on.
 For they sleep not, except they have done 16
 mischief ;
 And their sleep is taken away, unless they cause
 some to fall.
 For they eat the bread of wickedness, 17
 And drink the wine of violence.
 But the path of the righteous is as ¹the shining 18
 light,
 That shineth more and more unto the perfect
 day.
 The way of the wicked is as darkness : 19
 They know not at what they stumble.

¹ Or, *the light
of dawn*

My son, attend to my words ; 20
 Incline thine ear unto my sayings.
 Let them not depart from thine eyes ; 21
 Keep them in the midst of thine heart.
 For they are life unto those that find them, 22
 And health to all their flesh.
 Keep thy heart ²with all diligence ; 23
 For out of it are the issues of life.
 Put away from thee a froward mouth, 24
 And perverse lips put far from thee.
 Let thine eyes look right on, 25
 And let thine eyelids look straight before thee.
³Make level the path of thy feet, 26
 And let all thy ways be ⁴established.
 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left : 27
 Remove thy foot from evil.

² Or, *above all
that thou
guardest*

³ Or, *Weigh
carefully*

⁴ Or, *ordered
aright*

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My son, attend unto my wisdom ; 1 5

- Incline thine ear to my understanding :
 2 That thou mayest preserve discretion,
 And that thy lips may keep knowledge.
 3 For the lips of a strange woman drop honey,
 And her mouth is smoother than oil :
 4 But her latter end is bitter as wormwood,
 Sharp as a two-edged sword.
 5 Her feet go down to death ;
 Her steps take hold on ¹Sheol ;
 6 ²So that she findeth not the level path of life :
 Her ways are unstable *and* ³she knoweth *it*
 not.
 7 Now therefore, *my* sons, hearken unto me,
 And depart not from the words of my mouth.
 8 Remove thy way far from her,
 And come not nigh the door of her house :
 9 Lest thou give thine honour unto others,
 And thy years unto the cruel :
 10 Lest strangers be filled with thy ⁴strength ;
 And thy labours *be* in the house of an alien ;
 11 And thou ⁵mourn at thy latter end,
 When thy flesh and thy body are consumed,
 12 And say, How have I hated instruction,
 And my heart despised reproof ;
 13 Neither have I obeyed the voice of my teachers,
 Nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed
 me !
 14 I was well nigh in all evil
 In the midst of the congregation and assembly.
 15 Drink waters out of thine own cistern,
 And running waters out of thine own well.
 16 ⁶Should thy springs be dispersed abroad,
 And rivers of water in the streets ?
 17 Let them be for thyself alone,
 And not for strangers with thee.
 18 Let thy fountain be blessed ;
 And rejoice in the wife of thy youth.
 19 *As* a loving hind and a pleasant doe,

¹ Or, *the grave*² Or, *Lest thou find the level &c.*Or, *Lest thou weigh carefully the path of life*³ Or, *thou canst not know them*⁴ Or, *wealth*⁵ Or, *groan*⁶ Or, *Let*

¹ Heb. *go
astray.*

Let her breasts satisfy thee at all times ;
And ¹be thou ravished always with her love.
For why shouldest thou, my son, ¹be ravished ²⁰
with a strange woman,
And embrace the bosom of a stranger ?
For the ways of man are before the eyes of ²¹
the LORD,

² Or, *weigheth
carefully*

And he ²maketh level all his paths.
His own iniquities shall take the wicked, ²²
And he shall be holden with the cords of his sin.
He shall die for lack of instruction ; ²³
And in the greatness of his folly he shall go
astray.

My son, if thou art become surety for thy ¹ **6**
neighbour,

³ Or, *thy hand
with a
stranger*

If thou hast stricken ³thy hands for a stranger,
Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, ²
Thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.
Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, ³
Seeing thou art come into the hand of thy
neighbour ;

⁴ Or, *bestir*

Go, ⁴humble thyself, and importune thy neighbour.
Give not sleep to thine eyes, ⁴
Nor slumber to thine eyelids.

⁵ Or, *gazelle*

Deliver thyself as a ⁵roe from the hand of *the* ⁵
hunter,
And as a bird from the hand of the fowler.

Go to the ant, thou sluggard ; ⁶
Consider her ways, and be wise :

⁶ Or, *judge*

Which having no ⁶chief, ⁷
Overseer, or ruler,
Provideth her meat in the summer, ⁸
And gathereth her food in the harvest.

⁷ Heb. *lie
down.*

How long wilt thou ⁷sleep, O sluggard ? ⁹
When wilt thou arise out of thy sleep ?
Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, ¹⁰

- A little folding of the hands to ¹sleep :
 11 So shall thy poverty come as a ²robber,
 And thy want as ³an armed man.
- 12 A worthless person, a man of iniquity ;
 He walketh with a froward mouth ;
 13 He winketh with his eyes, he ⁴speaketh with his ⁴Or, *shuffleth*
 feet,
 He ⁵maketh signs with his fingers ; ⁵Or, *teacheth*
 14 Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth evil
 continually ;
 He ⁶soweth discord. ⁶Heb. *letteth*
 loose.
 15 Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly ;
 On a sudden shall he be broken, and that with-
 out remedy.
 16 There be six things which the LORD hateth ;
 Yea, seven which are an abomination ⁷unto him : ⁷Heb. *of his*
 17 Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, *soul.*
 And hands that shed innocent blood ;
 18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations,
 Feet that be swift in running to mischief ;
 19 A false witness that ⁸uttereth lies,
 And he that ⁹soweth discord among brethren. ⁸Heb.
breatheth out.
- 20 My son, keep the commandment of thy father,
 And forsake not the ⁹law of thy mother : ⁹Or, *teaching*
 21 Bind them continually upon thine heart,
 Tie them about thy neck.
 22 When thou walkest, it shall lead thee ;
 When thou ¹⁰ sleepest, it shall watch over thee ; ¹⁰Heb. *liest*
 And when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee. *down.*
 23 For ¹¹the commandment is a lamp ; and ¹²the ¹¹Or, *their*
 law is light ; *command-*
 And reproofs of instruction are the way of life : *ment*
 24 To keep thee from the evil woman, ¹²Or, *their*
 From the flattery of the stranger's tongue. *teaching*
 25 Lust not after her beauty in thine heart ;
 Neither let her take thee with her eyelids.

For on account of a whorish woman *a man is* 26
brought to a piece of bread :

¹ Heb. *a man's* And ¹the adulteress hunteth for the precious life.
wife.

Can a man take fire in his bosom, 27

And his clothes not be burned ?

Or can one walk upon hot coals, 28

And his feet not be scorched ?

So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife ; 29

² Heb. *held* Whosoever toucheth her shall not be ²un-
innocent. punished.

Men do not despise a thief, if he steal 30

To satisfy his soul when he is hungry :

But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold ; 31

He shall give all the substance of his house.

He that committeth adultery with a woman is 32

³ Heb. *heart.* void of ³understanding :

He doeth it that would destroy his own soul.

Wounds and dishonour shall he get ; 33

And his reproach shall not be wiped away.

For jealousy is the rage of a man ; 34

And he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

He will not regard any ransom ; 35

Neither will he rest content, though thou givest
 many gifts.

My son, keep my words, 1 7

And lay up my commandments with thee.

Keep my commandments and live ; 2

⁴ Or, *teaching* And my ⁴law as the apple of thine eye.

Bind them upon thy fingers ; 3

Write them upon the table of thine heart.

Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister ; 4

⁵ Or, *familiar* And call understanding *thy* ⁵kinswoman :
friend

That they may keep thee from the strange 5
 woman,

⁶ Heb. *maketh* From the stranger which ⁶flattereth with her
smooth her words.

For at the window of my house 6

- I looked forth through my lattice ;
 7 And I beheld among the simple ones,
 I discerned among the youths,
 A young man void of understanding,
 8 Passing through the street near her corner,
 And he went the way to her house ;
 9 In the twilight, in the evening of the day,
 In the ¹blackness of night and the darkness.
 10 And, behold, there met him a woman
 With the attire of an harlot, and ²wily of heart.
 11 She is ³clamorous and wilful ;
 Her feet abide not in her house :
 12 Now she is in the streets, now in the broad
 places,
 And lieth in wait at every corner.
 13 So she caught him, and kissed him,
⁴And with an impudent face she said unto him :
 14 Sacrifices of peace offerings ⁵are with me ;
 This day have I paid my vows.
 15 Therefore came I forth to meet thee,
 Diligently to seek thy face, and I have found
 thee.
 16 I have spread my couch with ⁶carpets of tapestry,
 With striped cloths of the yarn of Egypt.
 17 I have ⁷perfumed my bed
 With myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.
 18 Come, let us take our fill of love until the
 morning ;
 Let us solace ourselves with loves.
 19 For the goodman is not at home,
 He is gone a long journey :
 20 He hath taken a bag of money with him ;
 He will come home at the full moon.
 21 With her much fair speech she causeth him to
 yield,
 With the flattering of her lips she forceth him
 away.
 22 He goeth after her ⁸straightway,

¹ Heb. *pupil*
(of the eye).

² Or, *close*
Heb.
guarded.

³ Or,
turbulent

⁴ Heb. *She*
hardened her
face, and said.

⁵ Or, *were due*
from me

⁶ Or, *cushions*

⁷ Or, *sprinkled*

⁸ Heb.
suddenly.

¹ Or, one in
fettors
The text is
probably
corrupt.

As an ox goeth to the slaughter,
Or as ¹fettors to the correction of the fool;
Till an arrow strike through his liver; 23
As a bird hasteth to the snare,
And knoweth not that it is for his life.
Now therefore, *my* sons, hearken unto me, 24
And attend to the words of my mouth.
Let not thine heart decline to her ways, 25
Go not astray in her paths.
For she hath cast down many wounded: 26
Yea, all her slain are a mighty host.
² Or, the grave Her house is the way to ²Sheol, 27
Going down to the chambers of death.

Doth not wisdom cry, 1 **8**
And understanding put forth her voice?
In the top of high places by the way, 2
Where the paths meet, she standeth;
Beside the gates, at the entry of the city, 3
At the coming in at the doors, she crieth
aloud:
Unto you, O men, I call; 4
And my voice is to the sons of men.
³ Or, prudence O ye simple, understand ³subtilty; 5
And, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.
Hear, for I will speak excellent things; 6
And the opening of my lips shall be right
things.
For my mouth shall utter truth; 7
And wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
⁴ Or, are righteousnes All the words of my mouth ⁴are in righteous- 8
ness;
There is nothing crooked or perverse in them.
They are all plain to him that understandeth, 9
And right to them that find knowledge.
Receive my instruction, and not silver; 10
And knowledge rather than choice gold.
⁵ See Job xxviii. 18. For wisdom is better than ⁵rubies; 11

- And all the things that may be desired are not
to be compared unto her.
- 12 I wisdom have made ¹subtilty my dwelling,
And find out ²knowledge *and* discretion.
- 13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil :
Pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way,
And the froward mouth, do I hate.
- 14 Counsel is mine, and ³sound knowledge :
I am understanding ; I have might.
- 15 By me kings reign,
And princes decree justice.
- 16 By me ⁴princes rule,
And nobles, *even* all the judges ⁵of the earth.
- 17 I love them that love me ;
And those that seek me ⁶diligently shall find me.
- 18 Riches and honour are with me ;
Yea, ⁷durable riches and righteousness.
- 19 My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold ;
And my ⁸revenue than choice silver.
- 20 I walk in the way of righteousness,
In the midst of the paths of judgement :
- 21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit
substance,
And that I may fill their treasures.
- 22 The LORD ⁹possessed me ¹⁰in the beginning of
his way,
¹¹Before his works of old.
- 23 I was set up from everlasting, from the begin-
ning,
Or ever the earth was.
- 24 When there were no depths, I was brought
forth ;
When there were no fountains abounding with
water.
- 25 Before the mountains were settled,
Before the hills was I brought forth :
- 26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor
the fields,

¹ Or, *prudence*² Or, *know-
ledge of witty
inventions*³ Or, *effectual
working*⁴ Or, *rulers*⁵ Many ancient
authorities
read, *of
righteousness.*⁶ Or, *early*⁷ Or, *ancient*⁸ Or, *increase*⁹ Or, *formed*¹⁰ Or, *as*¹¹ Or, *The first
of*

- ¹ Or, *sum* Nor the ¹beginning of the dust of the world.
² Or, *prepared* When he ²established the heavens, I was there: 27
 When he set a circle upon the face of the deep:
 When he made firm the skies above: 28
 When the fountains of the deep became strong:
³ Or, *his* When he gave to the sea ³its bound, 29
decree That the waters should not transgress his com-
 mandment:
⁴ Or, *appointed* When he ⁴marked out the foundations of the
 earth:
 Then I was by him, *as* a master workman: 30
 And I ⁵was daily *his* delight,
⁵ Or, *had* ⁶Rejoicing always before him;
delight ⁶Rejoicing in his habitable earth; 31
continually And my delight was with the sons of men.
⁶ Or, *Sporting* Now therefore, *my* sons, hearken unto me: 32
 For blessed are they that keep my ways.
 Hear instruction, and be wise, 33
 And refuse it not.
 Blessed is the man that heareth me, 34
 Watching daily at my gates,
 Waiting at the posts of my doors.
 For whoso findeth me findeth life, 35
 And shall ⁷obtain favour of the LORD.
⁷ Heb. *draw forth.* But he that ⁸sinneth against me wrongeth his 36
⁸ Or, *misseth* own soul:
me All they that hate me love death.

 Wisdom hath builded her house, 1 9
 She hath hewn out her seven pillars:
 She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled 2
 her wine;
 She hath also furnished her table.
 She hath sent forth her maidens, she crieth 3
 Upon the highest places of the city,
 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: 4
 As for him that is void of understanding, she
 saith to him,

- 5 Come, eat ye of my bread,
 And drink of the wine which I have mingled.
 6 ¹ Leave off, ye simple ones, and live ; ¹ Or, *Forsake*
the simple
 And walk in the way of understanding.
 7 He that correcteth a scorner getteth to himself
 shame :
 And he that reproveth a wicked man *getteth*
 himself a blot.
 8 Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee :
 Reprove a wise man, and he will love thee.
 9 Give *instruction* to a wise man, and he will be
 yet wiser :
 Teach a righteous man, and he will increase in
 learning.
 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of
 wisdom :
 And the knowledge of the Holy One is under-
 standing.
 11 For by me thy days shall be multiplied,
 And the years of thy life shall be increased.
 12 If thou art wise, thou art wise for thyself :
 And if thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear it.
 13 ² The foolish woman is clamorous ; ² Or, *Folly*
She is ³ simple, and knoweth nothing. ³ Heb.
simplicity.
 14 And she sitteth at the door of her house,
 On a seat in the high places of the city,
 15 To call to them that pass by,
 Who go right on their ways,
 16 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither :
 And as for him that is void of understanding,
 she saith to him,
 17 Stolen waters are sweet,
 And bread *eaten* in secret is pleasant.
 18 But he knoweth not that ⁴ the dead are ⁴ Or, *the*
shades
Heb.
Rephaim.
 there ;
 That her guests are in the depths of Sheol.

↗ The proverbs of Solomon.

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A wise son maketh a glad father:
But a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.
Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: 2
But righteousness delivereth from death.
The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous 3
to famish:

But he thrusteth away the desire of the wicked.
He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack 4
hand:

But the hand of the diligent maketh rich.
He that gathereth in summer is ¹a wise son: 5
But he that sleepeth in harvest is a son ²that
causeth shame.

Blessings are upon the head of the righteous: 6
But ³violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.
The memory of the just is blessed: 7
But the name of the wicked shall rot.

The wise in heart will receive commandments: 8
But ⁴a prating fool ⁵shall fall.

He that walketh uprightly walketh surely: 9
But he that perverteth his ways shall be known.
He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow: 10

⁶But ⁴a prating fool ⁵shall fall.
The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of 11
life:

But ³violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.
Hatred stirreth up strifes: 12
But love covereth all transgressions.

In the lips of him that hath discernment wis- 13
dom is found:

But a rod is for the back of him that is void of
⁷understanding

Wise men lay up knowledge: 14
But the mouth of the foolish is a present
destruction.

The rich man's wealth is his strong city: 15

¹ Or, a son
that doeth
wisely

² Or, that
doeth
shamefully

³ Or, the mouth
of the wicked
covereth
violence

⁴ Heb. the
foolish of lips.

⁵ Or, shall be
overthrown
or laid low

⁶ The Sept.
and Syr. read,
But he that
rebuketh openly
maketh peace.

⁷ Heb. heart.

- The destruction of the poor is their poverty.
- 16 The labour of the righteous *tendeth* to life;
The increase of the wicked to sin.
- 17 He ¹is in the way of life that heedeth ²correc-
tion : ¹ Or, *is a way*
² Or,
instruction
³ Or, *causeth*
to err
But he that forsaketh reproof ³ereth.
- 18 He that hideth hatred is of lying lips ;
And he that uttereth a slander is a fool.
- 19 In the multitude of words there wanteth not
transgression :
But he that refraineth his lips ⁴doeth wisely. ⁴ Or, *is wise*
- 20 The tongue of the righteous is *as* choice silver :
The heart of the wicked is little worth.
- 21 The lips of the righteous feed many :
But the foolish die for lack of ⁵understanding. ⁵ Heb. *heart*.
- 22 The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich,
And ⁶he addeth no sorrow therewith. ⁶ Or, *toil*
addeth
nothing
thereto
- 23 It is as sport to a fool to do wickedness :
⁷And *so is* wisdom to a man of understand-
ing. ⁷ Or, *But a*
man of under-
standing hath
wisdom
- 24 The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him :
And the desire of the righteous shall be
granted.
- 25 ⁸When the whirlwind passeth, the wicked is no
more : ⁸ Or, *As the*
whirlwind
passeth, so is
the wicked no
more
But the righteous is an everlasting foundation.
- 26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the
eyes,
So is the sluggard to them that send him.
- 27 The fear of the LORD ⁹prolongeth days : ⁹ Heb. *addeth*.
But the years of the wicked shall be shortened.
- 28 The hope of the righteous *shall be* gladness :
But the expectation of the wicked shall perish.
- 29 The way of the LORD is a strong hold to the
upright ;
But ¹⁰it is a destruction to the workers of iniquity. ¹⁰ Or,
destruction
shall be to &c.
- 30 The righteous shall never be removed :
But the wicked shall not dwell in the ¹¹land. ¹¹ Or, *earth*

¹ Or, *buddeth with*

The mouth of the righteous ¹bringeth forth 31 wisdom :

But the froward tongue shall be cut off.

The lips of the righteous know what is accept- 32 able :

² Or, is

But the mouth of the wicked ²*speake*th froward-
ness.

³ Heb. *A balance of deceit.*

³A false balance is an abomination to the LORD: 1 **11**

But a just weight is his delight.

When pride cometh, then cometh shame: 2

But with the lowly is wisdom.

The integrity of the upright shall guide them: 3

But the perverseness of the treacherous shall
destroy them.

Riches profit not in the day of wrath: 4

But righteousness delivereth from death.

⁴ Or, *make straight or plain*

The righteousness of the perfect shall ⁴direct 5
his way:

But the wicked shall fall by his own wicked-
ness.

The righteousness of the upright shall deliver 6
them :

But they that deal treacherously shall be taken
in their own mischief.

When a wicked man dieth, *his* expectation shall 7
perish :

⁵ Or, *strong men*

And the hope of ⁵iniquity perisheth.

The righteous is delivered out of trouble, 8

And the wicked cometh in his stead.

With his mouth the godless man destroyeth his 9
neighbour:

But through knowledge shall the righteous be
delivered.

When it goeth well with the righteous, the city 10
rejoiceth :

And when the wicked perish, there is shouting.

By the blessing of the upright the city is 11
exalted:

But it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

- 12 He that despiseth his neighbour is void of ¹wisdom :

¹ Heb. *heart*.

But a man of understanding holdeth his peace.

- 13 He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets :

But he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.

- 14 Where no wise guidance is, the people falleth :
But in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.

- 15 He that is surety for a stranger ²shall smart for it :
But he that hateth ³suretiship is sure.

² Heb. *shall be sore broken*.

³ Heb. *those that strike hands*.

- 16 A gracious woman retaineth honour :
And violent men retain riches.

- 17 The merciful man doeth good to his own soul :
But he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh.

- 18 The wicked earneth deceitful wages :
But he that soweth righteousness *hath* a sure reward.

- 19 ⁴He that is stedfast in righteousness *shall attain* unto life :

⁴ Or, *So righteousness tendeth to life, and he &c.*

And he that pursueth evil *doeth it* to his own death.

- 20 They that are perverse in heart are an abomination to the LORD :

But such as are perfect in *their* way are his delight.

- 21 ⁵*Though* hand *join* in hand, the evil man shall not be unpunished :

⁵ Or, *My hand upon it!*

Heb. *Hand to hand*.

But the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.

- 22 *As* a ⁶jewel of gold in a swine's snout,
So is a fair woman which ⁷is without discretion.

⁶ Or, *ring*

⁷ Heb. *turneth aside from*.

- 23 The desire of the righteous is only good :
But the expectation of the wicked is ⁸wrath.

⁸ Or, *arrogance*

- 24 There is that scattereth, and increaseth yet more ;

¹ Or, *what is justly due*

And there is that withholdeth ¹more than is meet, but *it tendeth* only to want.

The liberal soul shall be made fat : 25

And he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse 26 him :

But blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it.

He that diligently seeketh good seeketh favour : 27

But he that searcheth after mischief, it shall come unto him.

He that trusteth in his riches shall fall : 28

But the righteous shall flourish as the green leaf.

He that troubleth his own house shall inherit 29 the wind :

And the foolish shall be servant to the wise of heart.

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life ; 30

And he that is wise winneth souls.

Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in 31 the earth :

How much more the wicked and the sinner ! ¹

² Or, *instruction*

Whoso loveth ²correction loveth knowledge : 1 12

But he that hateth reproof is brutish.

A good man shall obtain favour of the LORD : 2

But a man of wicked devices will he condemn.

A man shall not be established by wickedness : 3

But the root of the righteous shall never be moved.

A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband : 4

³ Or, *doeth shamefully*

But she that ³maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.

⁴ Heb. *judgement.*

The thoughts of the righteous are ⁴just : 5

But the counsels of the wicked are deceit.

⁵ Or, *are a lying in wait*

The words of the wicked ⁵are of lying in wait 6 for blood :

But the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.

- 7 ¹The wicked are overthrown, and are not:
 But the house of the righteous shall stand.
- 8 A man shall be commended according to his wisdom:
 But he that is of a perverse heart shall be despised.
- 9 Better is he that is lightly esteemed, and hath a servant,
 Than he that honoureth himself, and lacketh bread.
- 10 A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast:
 But the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.
- 11 He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread:
 But he that followeth after ²vain *persons* is void of understanding.
- 12 The wicked desireth ³the net of evil men:
 But the root of the righteous yieldeth *fruit*.
- 13 In the transgression of the lips is ⁴a snare to the evil man:
 But the righteous shall come out of trouble.
- 14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth:
 And the doings of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.
- 15 The way of the foolish is right in his own eyes:
 But he that is wise hearkeneth unto counsel.
- 16 A fool's vexation is ⁵presently known:
 But a prudent man concealeth shame.
- 17 He that ⁶uttereth truth sheweth forth righteousness,
 But a false witness deceit.
- 18 There is that speaketh rashly like the piercings of a sword:
 But the tongue of the wise is health.
- 19 The lip of truth shall be established for ever:
 But a lying tongue is but for a moment.
- 20 Deceit is in the heart of them that devise evil:

¹ Or, *Overthrow the wicked, and they are not*

² Or, *vain things*

³ Or, *the prey*

⁴ Or, *an evil snare*

⁵ Or, *openly*
Heb. in the day.

⁶ Heb.
breatheth out.

But to the counsellors of peace is joy.
There shall no mischief happen to the righteous :

But the wicked shall be filled with evil.
Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD :

But they that deal truly are his delight.

A prudent man concealeth knowledge :

But the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.

The hand of the diligent shall bear rule :

¹ Heb. slothfulness. But ¹the slothful shall be put under taskwork.

² Heaviness in the heart of a man maketh it stoop ;

But a good word maketh it glad.

The righteous is a guide to his neighbour :

But the way of the wicked causeth them to err.

³ Or, catcheth not his prey. ¹The slothful man ³roasteth not that which he took in hunting :

⁴ Or, is to be diligent. But the precious substance of men ⁴is to the diligent.

In the way of righteousness is life ;

And in the pathway thereof there is no death.

⁵ Or, correction. A wise son *heareth* his father's ⁵instruction : **1 13**

But a scorner heareth not rebuke.

⁶ Or, from. A man shall eat good ⁶by the fruit of his mouth :

⁷ Or, the desire of the treacherous is for violence. But ⁷the soul of the treacherous *shall eat* violence.

He that guardeth his mouth keepeth his life :

But he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.

The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing :

But the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

⁸ Or, causeth shame and bringeth reproach. A righteous man hateth lying :

But a wicked man ⁸is loathsome, and cometh to shame.

⁹ Heb. uprightness of way. Righteousness guardeth ⁹him that is upright in the way :

¹⁰ Heb. sin. But wickedness overthroweth ¹⁰the sinner.

- 7 There is that ¹maketh himself rich, yet hath ¹Or, *feigneth*
nothing:
There is that ¹maketh himself poor, yet hath
great wealth.
- 8 The ransom of a man's life is his riches:
But the poor heareth no ²threatening. ²Or, *rebuke*
- 9 The light of the righteous rejoiceth:
But the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.
- 10 By pride cometh only contention:
But with the well advised is wisdom.
- 11 Wealth gotten ³by vanity shall be diminished: ³The Sept.
But he that gathereth ⁴by labour shall have ^{and Vulg.}
increase. ^{have, in haste.}
⁴Heb. *with*
the hand.
- 12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick:
But when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.
- 13 Whoso despiseth ⁵the word ⁶bringeth destruc- ⁵See ch. xvi.
tion on himself: ^{20.}
But he that feareth the commandment shall be
rewarded. ⁶Or, *maketh*
himself a
debtor thereto
- 14 The ⁷law of the wise is a fountain of life,
To depart from the snares of death. ⁷Or, *teaching*
- 15 Good understanding ⁸giveth favour:
But the way of the treacherous is rugged. ⁸Or, *getteth*
- 16 Every prudent man worketh with knowledge:
But a fool spreadeth out folly.
- 17 A wicked messenger falleth into evil:
But a faithful ambassador is health.
- 18 Poverty and shame *shall be to* him that refuseth
⁹correction:
But he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured. ⁹Or,
instruction
- 19 The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul:
But it is an abomination to fools to depart
from evil.
- 20 ¹⁰Walk with wise men, and thou shalt be wise:
But the companion of fools shall ¹¹smart for it. ¹⁰According
to another
reading, *He*
that walketh
with wise men
shall be wise.
- 21 Evil pursueth sinners:
But the righteous shall be recompensed with
good. ¹¹Heb. *be*
broken.

A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children ;

And the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the righteous.

¹ Or, *tilled land*

Much food *is in* the ¹tillage of the poor :
But there is that is destroyed by reason of injustice.

He that spareth his rod hateth his son : 24

² Or, *diligently*

But he that loveth him chasteneth him ²betimes.
The righteous eateth to the satisfying of his soul :

But the belly of the wicked shall want.

Every wise woman buildeth her house : 1 14

³ Heb. *folly*.

But ³the foolish plucketh it down with her own hands.

He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the LORD :

But he that is perverse in his ways despiseth him.

⁴ Or, *shoot*

⁵ Or, *for his pride*

In the mouth of the foolish is a ⁴rod ⁵of pride : 3

But the lips of the wise shall preserve them.

Where no oxen are, the crib is clean : 4

But much increase is by the strength of the ox.

A faithful witness will not lie : 5

⁶ Heb.

breatheth out.

But a false witness ⁶uttereth lies.

A scorner seeketh wisdom, and *findeth it* not : 6

But knowledge is easy unto him that hath understanding.

⁷ Or, *Go from ... for thou wilt not &c.*

⁷Go into the presence of a foolish man, 7

And thou shalt not perceive *in him* the lips of knowledge.

The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way :

⁸ Or, *Guilt mocketh at the foolish*

But the folly of fools is deceit.

⁸The foolish make a mock at ⁹guilt : 9

⁹ Or, *the guilt offering*

But among the upright there is ¹⁰good will.

¹⁰ Or, *the favour of God*

The heart knoweth its own bitterness ; 10

And a stranger doth not intermeddle with its joy.

- 11 The house of the wicked shall be overthrown:
 But the tent of the upright shall flourish.
- 12 There is a way which ¹ seemeth right unto a man, ¹ Or, *is straight before*
 But the end thereof are the ways of death.
- 13 Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful;
 And the end of mirth is heaviness.
- 14 The backslider in heart shall be filled with his
 own ways:
 And a good man *shall be satisfied* from him-
 self.
- 15 The simple believeth every word:
 But the prudent man looketh well to his going.
- 16 A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil:
 But the fool beareth himself insolently, and is
 confident.
- 17 He that is soon angry will deal foolishly:
 And a man of wicked devices is hated.
- 18 The simple inherit folly:
 But the prudent are crowned with knowledge.
- 19 The evil bow before the good;
 And the wicked at the gates of the righteous.
- 20 The poor is hated even of his own neighbour:
 But the rich hath many friends.
- 21 He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth:
 But he that hath pity on the poor, happy is
 he.
- 22 ² Do they not err that devise evil? ² Or, *Shall they not go astray*
 But mercy and truth *shall be to them that*
 devise good.
- 23 In all labour there is profit:
 But the talk of the lips *tendeth* only to penury.
- 24 ³ The crown of the wise is their riches:
But the folly of fools is only folly.
- 25 A true witness delivereth souls:
 But he that uttereth lies *causeth* deceit.
- 26 In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence:
 And ⁴ his children shall have a place of refuge.

³ Or, *Their riches is a crown unto the wise*

⁴ Heb. *breatheth out.*

⁵ Or, *the children of him that hath it*

The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, 27
 To depart from the snares of death.
 In the multitude of people is the king's glory: 28
 But in the want of people is the destruction of
 the prince.

He that is slow to anger is of great under- 29
 standing :

¹ Or, *carrieth away* But he that is hasty of spirit ¹exalteth folly.

² Or, *tranquil* A ²sound heart is the life of the flesh : 30

³ Or, *jealousy* But ³envy is the rottenness of the bones.

He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his 31
 Maker :

But he that hath mercy on the needy honoureth
 him.

⁴ Or, *calamity* The wicked is thrust down in his ⁴evil-doing : 32

⁵ Or, *hath a refuge* But the righteous ⁵hath hope in his death.

Wisdom resteth in the heart of him that hath 33
 understanding :

⁶ Or, *And in the midst of fools it maketh itself known* ⁶But *that which* is in the inward part of fools
 is made known.

Righteousness exalteth a nation : 34

⁷ Heb. *peoples.* But sin is a reproach to ⁷any people.

The king's favour is toward a servant that 35
 dealeth wisely :

⁸ Or, *doeth shamefully* But his wrath shall be *against* him that ⁸causeth
 shame.

A soft answer turneth away wrath : 1 15

But a grievous word stirreth up anger.

The tongue of the wise uttereth knowledge 2
 aright :

But the mouth of fools poureth out folly.

The eyes of the LORD are in every place, 3

Keeping watch upon the evil and the good.

⁹ Heb. *The healing of the tongue.* ⁹A wholesome tongue is a tree of life : 4

But perverseness therein is a breaking of the
 spirit.

¹⁰ Or, *instruction* A fool despiseth his father's ¹⁰correction : 5

¹¹ Or, *dealeth prudently* But he that regardeth reproof ¹¹getteth prudence.

- 6 In the house of the righteous is much treasure :
But in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.
- 7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge :
But the heart of the foolish ¹*doeth* not so. ¹ Or, *is not*
steadfast or
right
- 8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination
to the LORD :
But the prayer of the upright is his delight.
- 9 The way of the wicked is an abomination to
the LORD :
But he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.
- 10 There is grievous correction for him that forsaketh the way :
And he that hateth reproof shall die.
- 11 ²Sheol and ³Abaddon are before the LORD :
How much more then the hearts of the children
of men ! ² Or, *The*
grave
³ Or,
Destruction
- 12 A scorner loveth not to be reproved :
He will not go unto the wise.
- 13 A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance :
But by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken.
- 14 The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge :
But the mouth of fools feedeth on folly.
- 15 All the days of the afflicted are evil :
But he that is of a cheerful heart *hath* a continual feast.
- 16 Better is little with the fear of the LORD,
Than great treasure and trouble therewith.
- 17 Better is a ⁴dinner of herbs where love is,
Than a stalled ox and hatred therewith. ⁴ Or, *portion*
- 18 A wrathful man stirreth up contention :
But he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife.
- 19 The way of the sluggard is as an hedge of thorns :
But the path of the upright is made an high way.
- 20 A wise son maketh a glad father :

- 2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes :
 But the LORD weigheth the spirits.
- 3 ¹Commit thy works unto the LORD, ¹ Heb. *Roll*.
 And thy ²thoughts shall be established. ² Or, *purposes*
- 4 The LORD hath made every thing for ³its own ³ Or, *his own*
 end : *purpose*
- Yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.
- 5 Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD :
⁴Though hand *join* in hand, he shall not be ⁴ See ch. xi. 21.
 unpunished.
- 6 By mercy and truth iniquity is ⁵purged : ⁵ Or, *atoned*
 And by the fear of the LORD men depart from *for*
 evil.
- 7 When a man's ways please the LORD,
 He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.
- 8 Better is a little with righteousness
 Than great revenues with injustice.
- 9 A man's heart deviseth his way :
 But the LORD directeth his steps.
- 10 ⁶A divine sentence is in the lips of the king : ⁶ Heb.
 His mouth shall not transgress in judgement. *Divination.*
- 11 A just balance and scales are the LORD'S :
 All the weights of the bag are his work.
- 12 It is an abomination to kings to commit wickedness :
 For the throne is established by righteousness.
- 13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings ;
 And they love him that speaketh right.
- 14 The wrath of a king is *as* messengers of death :
 But a wise man will pacify it.
- 15 In the light of the king's countenance is life ;
 And his favour is as a cloud of the latter rain.
- 16 How much better is it to get wisdom than gold !
 Yea, to get understanding is rather to be chosen than silver.

The high way of the upright is to depart from 17
evil:

He that keepeth his way preserveth his soul.
Pride *goeth* before destruction, 18
And an haughty spirit before a fall.

¹ Or, *meek*
Better it is to be of a lowly spirit with the ¹poor, 19
Than to divide the spoil with the proud.

² Or, *handleth a matter wisely*
He that ²giveth heed unto ³the word shall find 20
good:

³ See ch. xiii.
13. And whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy is he.
The wise in heart shall be called prudent: 21

And the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.
Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him 22
that hath it:

But the correction of fools is *their* folly.
The heart of the wise instructeth his mouth, 23
And addeth learning to his lips.

Pleasant words are *as* an honeycomb, 24
Sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

⁴ See ch. xiv.
12. ⁴ There is a way which ⁵seemeth right unto a man, 25
But the end thereof are the ways of death.

⁵ Or, *is straight before*
The appetite of the labouring man laboreth for 26
him;

⁶ Or, *urgeth him thereto*
For his mouth ⁶craveth it of him.
A worthless man ⁷deviseth mischief: 27

⁷ Heb. *diggeth*.
And in his lips there is as a scorching fire.
A froward man scattereth abroad strife: 28

⁸ Or, *alienateth his friend*
And a whisperer ⁸separateth chief friends.
A man of violence enticeth his neighbour, 29

And leadeth him in a way that is not good.
⁹ Or, *He that shutteth his eyes to devise froward things, that compresseth his lips, bringeth &c.*
⁹ He that shutteth his eyes, *it is* to devise froward 30
things:

He that compresseth his lips bringeth evil to
pass.

The hoary head is a crown of ¹⁰glory, 31

¹¹ Or, *beauty*
It shall be found in the way of righteousness.
¹¹ Or, *If it be found*
He that is slow to anger is better than the 32
mighty;

And he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

33 The lot is cast into the lap ;

But the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD.

17 ¹ Better is a dry morsel and quietness therewith,
Than an house full of ¹feasting with strife.

² A servant that dealeth wisely shall have rule
over a son that ²causeth shame,

And shall have part in the inheritance among
the brethren.

3 The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for
gold :

But the LORD trieth the hearts.

4 An evil-doer giveth heed to wicked lips ;

And ³a liar giveth ear to a mischievous tongue. ³ Heb. falsehood.

5 Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his
Maker :

And he that is glad at calamity shall not be
unpunished.

6 Children's children are the crown of old men ;

And the glory of children are their fathers.

7 ⁴Excellent speech becometh not a fool :

⁴ Or, Arrogant

Much less do lying lips a prince.

8 A gift is *as* a precious stone in the eyes of him
that hath it :

Whithersoever ⁵it turneth, ⁵it ⁶prospereth.

⁵ Or, he

9 He that covereth a transgression seeketh love :

⁶ Or, dealeth
wisely

But he that harpeth on a matter ⁷separateth
chief friends.

⁷ See ch. xvi.
28.

10 A rebuke entereth deeper into one that hath
understanding

Than an hundred stripes into a fool.

11 ⁸An evil man seeketh only rebellion ;

⁸ Or, A
rebellious man
(Heb.

Therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent
against him.

Rebellion)
seeketh only
evil

12 Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man,
Rather than a fool in his folly.

13 Whoso rewardeth evil for good,

Evil shall not depart from his house.

The beginning of strife is *as* when one letteth 14
out water :

Therefore leave off contention, before there be
quarrelling.

He that justifieth the wicked, and he that con- 15
demneth the righteous,

Both of them alike are an abomination to the
LORD.

Wherefore is there a price in the hand of a fool 16
to buy wisdom,

¹ Heb. *heart*. Seeing he hath no ¹ understanding ?

A friend loveth at all times, 17

² Or, *is born as a brother* And ² a brother is born for adversity.

A man void of ¹ understanding striketh hands, 18

And becometh surety in the presence of his
neighbour.

³ Or, *He that loveth transgression loveth strife*

³ He loveth transgression that loveth strife: 19

He that raiseth high his gate seeketh destruc-
tion.

He that hath a froward heart findeth no 20
good :

And he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into

⁴ Or, *calamity* ⁴ mischief.

He that begetteth a fool *doeth it* to his sorrow : 21

And the father of a fool hath no joy.

⁵ Heb. *causeth good healing*.

A merry heart ⁵ is a good medicine : 22

But a broken spirit drieth up the bones.

A wicked man taketh a gift out of the bosom, 23

To pervert the ways of judgement.

Wisdom is before the face of him that hath 24
understanding :

But the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the
earth.

A foolish son is a grief to his father, 25

And bitterness to her that bare him.

⁶ Or, *fine*

Also to ⁶ punish the righteous is not good, 26

Nor to smite the noble for *their* uprightness.

- 27 ¹ He that spareth his words hath knowledge:
And he that is of a cool spirit is a man of understanding.
- 28 Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise:
² When he shutteth his lips, he is *esteemed* as prudent.
- 18 ¹ He that separateth himself seeketh *his own* desire,
And ³ rageth against all sound wisdom.
- ² A fool hath no delight in understanding,
But only that his heart may reveal itself.
- ³ When the wicked cometh, there cometh also contempt,
And with ignominy *cometh* reproach.
- ⁴ The words of a man's mouth are *as* deep waters;
⁴ The wellspring of wisdom is *as* a flowing brook.
- ⁵ To accept the person of the wicked is not good,
⁵ Nor to turn aside the righteous in judgement.
- ⁶ A fool's lips ⁶ enter into contention,
And his mouth calleth for stripes.
- ⁷ A fool's mouth is his destruction,
And his lips are the snare of his soul.
- ⁸ The words of a whisperer are as dainty morsels,
And they go down into the ⁷ innermost parts of the belly.
- ⁹ He also that is slack in his work
Is brother to him that is a destroyer.
- ¹⁰ The name of the LORD is a strong tower:
The righteous runneth into it, and ⁸ is safe.
- ¹¹ The rich man's wealth is his strong city,
And as an high wall in his own imagination.
- ¹² Before destruction the heart of man is haughty,
And before honour *goeth* humility.
- ¹³ He that giveth answer before he heareth,

¹ Or, *He that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding is of a cool spirit*
² Or, *He that shutteth his lips is &c.*

³ Or, *quarrelleth with*

⁴ Or, *A flowing brook, a wellspring of wisdom*
⁵ Or, *So as to turn aside*
⁶ Or, *bring contention*

⁷ Heb. *chambers.*

⁸ Heb. *is set on high.*

It is folly and shame unto him.

The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity ; 14

¹ Or, *raise up* But a broken spirit who can ¹ bear ?

The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge ; 15

And the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.

A man's gift maketh room for him, 16

And bringeth him before great men.

He that pleadeth his cause first *seemeth* just ; 17

But his neighbour cometh and searcheth him out.

The lot causeth contentions to cease, 18

And parteth between the mighty.

² Or, *injured* A brother ²offended *is harder to be won* than a 19
strong city :

And *such* contentions are like the bars of a castle.

A man's belly shall be filled with the fruit of his 20
mouth ;

With the increase of his lips shall he be satisfied.

Death and life are in the power of the tongue ; 21

And they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, 22

And obtaineth favour of the LORD.

The poor useth intreaties : 23

But the rich answereth roughly.

³ Heb. *A man of friends.* ³ He that maketh many friends *doeth it* to his 24
own destruction :

⁴ Heb. *lover.* But there is a ⁴friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity 1 19

Than he that is perverse in his lips and is a fool.

⁵ Or, *desire without knowledge is not good* Also, ⁵that the soul be without knowledge is not 2
good ;

⁶ Or, *missetteth his way* And he that hasteth with his feet ⁶sinneth.

The foolishness of man subverteth his way ; 3

⁷ Or, *the friend of the poor separateth himself from him* And his heart fretteth against the LORD.

Wealth addeth many friends :

4

But ⁷the poor is separated from his friend.

- 5 A false witness shall not be unpunished ;
 And he that ¹uttereth lies shall not escape. ¹ Heb. *breatheth out.*
 6 Many will intreat the favour of ²the liberal man : ² Or, a prince
 And every man is a friend to him that giveth gifts.
 7 All the brethren of the poor do hate him :
 How much more do his friends go far from him !
³ He pursueth *them with words, but* they are gone. ³ Or, *He pursueth after words, which are nought*
 8 He that getteth ⁴wisdom loveth his own soul :
 He that keepeth understanding shall find good. ⁴ Heb. *heart.*
 9 A false witness shall not be unpunished ;
 And he that ¹uttereth lies shall perish.
 10 Delicate living is not seemly for a fool ;
 Much less for a servant to have rule over princes.
 11 The discretion of a man maketh him slow to anger ;
 And it is his glory to pass over a transgression.
 12 The king's wrath is as the roaring of a lion ;
 But his favour is as dew upon the grass.
 13 A foolish son is the calamity of his father :
 And the contentions of a wife are a continual dropping.
 14 House and riches are an inheritance from fathers :
 But a prudent wife is from the LORD.
 15 Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep ;
 And the idle soul shall suffer hunger.
 16 He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his soul :
But he that ⁵is careless of his ways shall die. ⁵ Heb. *despiseth.*
 17 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD,
 And his good deed will he pay him again.
 18 Chasten thy son, seeing there is hope ;
 And set not thy heart on ⁶his destruction. ⁶ Heb. *causing him to die.*

A man of great wrath shall bear the penalty : 19
For if thou deliver *him*, thou must do it yet again.

¹ Or,
correction

Hear counsel, and receive ¹instruction, 20
That thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.
There are many devices in a man's heart ; 21
But the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.

² Or, *That which maketh a man to be desired is his kindness*

²The desire of a man is *the measure of* his 22
kindness :

And a poor man is better than a liar.
The fear of the LORD *tendeth* to life : 23
And he *that hath it* shall abide satisfied ;
He shall not be visited with evil.
The sluggard burieth his hand in the dish, 24
And will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.

Smite a scorner, and the simple will learn 25
prudence :

And reprove one that hath understanding, *and*
he will understand knowledge.

³ Or, *violently entreateth*

He that ³spoil^{eth} his father, and chaseth away 26
his mother,

Is a son that causeth shame and bringeth reproach.

Cease, my son, to hear instruction 27
Only to err from the words of knowledge.

A worthless witness mocketh at judgement : 28
And the mouth of the wicked swalloweth iniquity.

Judgements are prepared for scorners, 29
And stripes for the back of fools.

Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler ; 1 20
And whosoever ⁴er^{reth} thereby is not wise.

⁴ Or, *reeleth*

The terror of a king is as the roaring of a lion : 2
He that ⁵provoketh him to anger sinneth *against*
his own ⁶life.

⁵ Or, *angereth himself against him*

⁶ Heb. *soul*.

It is an honour for a man to ⁷keep aloof from 3
strife :

⁷ Or, *cease*

But every fool will be quarrelling.

- 4 The slothful will not plow by reason of the winter ;

¹ Therefore he shall beg in harvest, and have nothing.

- 5 Counsel in the heart of man is *like* deep water ;
But a man of understanding will draw it out.

- 6 ² Most men will proclaim every one his own kindness :

But a faithful man who can find ?

- 7 A just man that walketh in his integrity,
Blessed are his children after him.

- 8 A king that sitteth on the throne of judgement

³ Scattereth away all evil with his eyes.

- 9 Who can say, I have made my heart clean,
I am pure from my sin ?

- 10 ⁴ Divers weights, and divers measures,
Both of them alike are an abomination to the LORD.

- 11 Even a child maketh himself known by his doings,
Whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.

- 12 The hearing ear, and the seeing eye,
The LORD hath made even both of them.

- 13 Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty ;
Open thine eyes, *and* thou shalt be satisfied with bread.

- 14 It is naught, it is naught, saith the buyer :
But when he is gone his way, then he boasteth.

- 15 There is gold, and abundance of ⁵ rubies :
But the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.

- 16 Take his garment that is surety for a stranger ;
And ⁶ hold him in pledge *that is surety* for ⁷ strangers.

- 17 Bread of falsehood is sweet to a man ;
But afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.

¹ Or, *Therefore when he seeketh in harvest, there shall be nothing*

² Or, *Many a man will meet one that is kind to him*

³ Or, *Winnoweth*

⁴ Heb. *A stone and a stone, an ephah and an ephah.*

⁵ See Job xxviii. 18.

⁶ Or, *take a pledge of him*

⁷ Another reading is, *a strange woman.*

Every purpose is established by counsel : 18
 And by wise guidance make thou war.
 He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth 19
 secrets :
 Therefore meddle not with him that openeth
 wide his lips.
 Whoso curseth his father or his mother, 20
 His lamp shall be put out in the blackest dark-
 ness.
 An inheritance *may be* gotten hastily at the 21
 beginning ;
 But the end thereof shall not be blessed.
 Say not thou, I will recompense evil : 22
 Wait on the LORD, and he shall save thee.
 Divers weights are an abomination to the 23
 LORD ;
 And ¹a false balance is not good.
 A man's goings are of the LORD ; 24
 How then can man understand his way ?
 It is a snare to a man ²rashly to say, *It is holy*, 25
 And after vows to make inquiry.
 A wise king winnoweth the wicked, 26
 And bringeth the *threshing* wheel over them.
 The spirit of man is the lamp of the LORD, 27
 Searching all the innermost parts of the belly.
 Mercy and truth preserve the king : 28
 And ³his throne is upholden by mercy.
 The glory of young men is their strength : 29
 And the beauty of old men is the hoary head.
 Stripes that wound cleanse away evil : 30
 And strokes *reach* the innermost parts of the
 belly.
 The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD as 1 21
 the watercourses :
 He turneth it whithersoever he will.
 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes : 2
 But the LORD weigheth the hearts.
 To do justice and judgement 3

¹ Heb. *a balance of deceit.*

² Or, *rashly to utter holy words*
Or, *to devour that which is holy*

³ Or, *he upholdeth his throne*

Is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.

4 An high look, and a proud heart,

¹Even the lamp of the wicked, is sin.

¹ Or, And the tillage

5 The thoughts of the diligent *tend* only to plenteousness :

But every one that is hasty *hasteth* only to want.

6 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue

Is a vapour driven to and fro ; ²they *that seek them* seek death.

² Or, according to some ancient authorities, they are *snares of death* or, into the *snares of death*

7 The violence of the wicked shall sweep them away ;

Because they refuse to do judgement.

8 The way of him that is laden with guilt is exceeding crooked :

But as for the pure, his work is ³right.

³ Or, straight

9 It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop,

Than with a contentious woman in ⁴a wide house.

⁴ Or, a house in common
Heb. a house of society.

10 The soul of the wicked desireth evil :

His neighbour findeth no favour in his eyes.

11 When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise :

And ⁵when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge.

⁵ Or, when one considereth the wise

12 ⁶The righteous man considereth the house of the wicked ;

⁶ Or, One that is righteous ...he overthroweth the wicked &c.

How the wicked are overthrown to *their* ruin.

13 Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor,

He also shall cry, but shall not be heard.

14 A gift in secret ⁷pacifieth anger,

⁷ Heb. bendeth.

And a present in the bosom strong wrath.

15 It is joy to the righteous to do judgement ;

⁸But it is a destruction to the workers of iniquity.

⁸ Or, But destruction shall be to &c.

16 The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding

⁹ Or, the shades
Heb. Rephaim.

Shall rest in the congregation of ⁹the dead.

He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man : 17
 He that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.
 The wicked is a ransom for the righteous ; 18
 And the treacherous *cometh* in the stead of the
 upright.

It is better to dwell in a desert land, 19
 Than with ¹a contentious and fretful woman.

¹ Or, a
 contentious
 woman and
 vexation

There is precious treasure and oil in the dwell- 20
 ing of the wise ;

But a foolish man swalloweth it up.

He that followeth after righteousness and mercy 21
 Findeth life, righteousness, and honour.

A wise man scaleth the city of the mighty, 22

And bringeth down the strength of the con-
 fidence thereof.

Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue 23

Keepeth his soul from troubles.

The proud and haughty man, scorner is his 24
 name,

He worketh in the arrogance of pride.

The desire of the slothful killeth him ; 25

For his hands refuse to labour.

There is that coveteth greedily all the day long : 26

But the righteous giveth and withholdeth not.

The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination : 27

How much more, when he bringeth it ²with a
 wicked mind !

² Or, to
 atone for
 wickedness

A false witness shall perish : 28

³ Or, so as to
 endure

But the man that heareth shall speak ³un-
 challenged.

A wicked man hardeneth his face : 29

But as for the upright, ⁴he ordereth his ways.

⁴ Another
 reading is, he
 considereth his
 way.

There is no wisdom nor understanding 30

Nor counsel against the LORD.

The horse is prepared against the day of battle : 31

⁵ Or,
 deliverance

But ⁵victory is of the LORD.

A *good* name is rather to be chosen than great 22
 riches,

- And* ¹loving favour rather than silver and gold. ¹ Or, *favour is better than &c.*
² The rich and the poor meet together :
 The LORD is the maker of them all.
³ A prudent man seeth the evil, and hideth himself :
 But the simple pass on, and ²suffer for it. ² Heb. *are mulcted.*
⁴ The reward of humility *and* the fear of the LORD
Is riches, and honour, and life.
⁵ Thorns *and* snares are in the way of the forward :
 He that keepeth his soul shall be far from them.
⁶ Train up a child ³in the way he should go,
 And even when he is old he will not depart from it. ³ Heb. *according to his way.*
⁷ The rich ruleth over the poor,
 And the borrower is servant to the lender.
⁸ He that soweth iniquity shall reap ⁴calamity : ⁴ Or, *vanity*
 And the rod of his wrath shall fail.
⁹ He that hath a ⁵bountiful eye shall be blessed ; ⁵ Heb. *good.*
 For he giveth of his bread to the poor.
¹⁰ Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out ;
 Yea, strife and ignominy shall cease.
¹¹ He that loveth ⁶pureness of heart,
⁷For the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend. ⁶ Another reading is, *the pure of heart.*
¹² The eyes of the LORD preserve *him that hath* ⁷ *grace in his lips*
 knowledge,
 But he overthroweth the words of the treacherous man. ⁷ Or, *Hath*
 Or, *That hath grace in his lips*
¹³ The sluggard saith, There is a lion without :
 I shall be ⁸murdered in the streets. ⁸ Or, *slain*
¹⁴ The mouth of strange women is a deep pit :
 He ⁹that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein. ⁹ Or, *against whom the LORD hath indignation*
¹⁵ Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child ;
But the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

He that oppresseth the poor to increase his *gain*,¹⁶
And he that giveth to the rich, *cometh* only to
 want.

Incline thine ear, and hear the words of the¹⁷
 wise,
 And apply thine heart unto my knowledge.
 For it is a pleasant thing if thou keep them¹⁸
 within thee,
 If they be established together upon thy lips.
 That thy trust may be in the LORD,¹⁹
 I have made *them* known to thee this day, even
 to thee.

¹ The word is
 doubtful.
 Another
 reading is,
heretofore.

² Or, *In*

³ Or, *of a
 certainty the
 words &c.*

⁴ Or, *for*

⁵ Or, *crush*

Have not I written unto thee ¹excellent things²⁰
²Of counsels and knowledge ;
 To make thee know ³the certainty of the words²¹
 of truth,
 That thou mayest carry back words of truth
 to them that send thee ?

Rob not the poor, ⁴because he is poor,²²
 Neither ⁵oppress the afflicted in the gate :
 For the LORD will plead their cause,²³
 And despoil of life those that despoil them.
 Make no friendship with a man that is given²⁴
 to anger ;

And with a wrathful man thou shalt not go :
 Lest thou learn his ways,²⁵
 And get a snare to thy soul.

Be thou not one of them that strike hands,²⁶
Or of them that are sureties for debts :
 If thou hast not wherewith to pay,²⁷
 Why should he take away thy bed from under
 thee ?

Remove not the ancient landmark,²⁸
 Which thy fathers have set.

³ Or, *skilful* Seest thou a man ⁶diligent in his business? he²⁹
 shall stand before kings ;

⁷ Heb. *obscure.* He shall not stand before ⁷mean men.

- 23** ¹ When thou sittest to eat with a ruler,
 Consider diligently ¹him that is before thee ; ¹ Or, *what*
² And put a knife to thy throat,
 If thou be a man given to appetite. ² Or, *For thou*
will put
³ Be not desirous of his dainties ;
 Seeing they are deceitful meat.
⁴ Weary not thyself to be rich ;
 Cease ³from thine own wisdom. ³ Or, *by reason*
of thine own
understand-
ing
⁵ ⁴Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is
 not ? ⁴ Or, *Wilt thou*
set thine eyes
upon it ? it is
gone :
Heb. *Shall*
thine eyes fly
upon it and it
is not ?
 For *riches* certainly make themselves wings,
 Like an eagle that flieth toward heaven.
⁶ Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil
 eye,
 Neither desire thou his dainties :
⁷ For ⁵as he reckoneth within himself, so is he : ⁵ Or, *as one*
that reckoneth
 Eat and drink, saith he to thee ;
 But his heart is not with thee.
⁸ The morsel which thou hast eaten shalt thou
 vomit up,
 And lose thy sweet words.
⁹ Speak not in the hearing of a fool ;
 For he will despise the wisdom of thy words.
¹⁰ ⁶Remove not the ancient landmark ;
 And enter not into the fields of the fatherless : ⁶ See ch. xxii.
28.
¹¹ For their redeemer is strong ;
 He shall plead their cause against thee.
¹² Apply thine heart unto ⁷instruction,
 And thine ears to the words of knowledge. ⁷ Or,
correction
¹³ Withhold not correction from the child :
 For ⁸if thou beat him with the rod, he shall not ⁸ Or, *though*
 die.
¹⁴ Thou shalt beat him with the rod,
 And shalt deliver his soul from ⁹Sheol. ⁹ Or, *the*
grave
¹⁵ My son, if thine heart be wise,
 My heart shall be glad, even mine :
¹⁶ Yea, my reins shall rejoice,
 When thy lips speak right things.

Let not thine heart envy sinners : 17
 But *be thou* in the fear of the LORD all the day
 long :

¹ Or, *sequel*
 Or, *future*
 Heb. *latter*
end.

For surely there is a ¹reward ; 18

And thy hope shall not be cut off.

Hear thou, my son, and be wise, 19

And guide thine heart in the way.

Be not among winebibbers ; 20

Among gluttonous eaters of flesh :

For the drunkard and the glutton shall come 21
 to poverty :

And drowsiness shall clothe *a man* with rags.

Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, 22

And despise not thy mother when she is old.

Buy the truth, and sell it not ; 23

Yea, wisdom, and instruction, and understand-
 ing.

The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice : 24

And he that begetteth a wise child shall have
 joy of him.

Let thy father and thy mother be glad, 25

And let her that bare thee rejoice.

My son, give me thine heart, 26

And let thine eyes ²delight in my ways.

² Another
 reading is,
observe.

For a whore is a deep ditch ; 27

And a strange woman is a narrow pit.

³ Or, *as for a*
prey

Yea, she lieth in wait ³as a robber, 28

And increaseth the treacherous among men.

⁴ Heb. *Oh !*

Who hath ⁴woe ? who hath ⁵sorrow ? who hath 29

⁵ Heb. *Alas !*

contentions ?

Who hath complaining ? who hath wounds
 without cause ?

⁶ Or, *darkness*

Who hath ⁶redness of eyes ?

They that tarry long at the wine ; 30

⁷ Or, *try*

They that go to ⁷seek out mixed wine.

Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, 31

⁸ Or, *moveth*
itself aright

When it giveth its colour in the cup,

When it ⁸goeth down smoothly :

- 32 At the last it biteth like a serpent,
 And stingeth like ¹an adder.
- 33 Thine eyes shall behold ²strange things,
 And thine heart shall utter froward things.
- 34 Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the
 midst of the sea,
 Or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.
- 35 They have stricken me, *shalt thou say*, and I
 was not hurt ;
 They have beaten me, and I felt it not :
 When shall I awake ? I will seek it yet again.
- 24 1 Be not thou envious against evil men,
 Neither desire to be with them :
 2 For their heart studieth oppression,
 And their lips talk of mischief.
- 3 Through wisdom is an house builded ;
 And by understanding it is established :
- 4 And by knowledge are the chambers filled
 With all precious and pleasant riches.
- 5 A wise man ³is strong ;
 Yea, a man of knowledge ⁴increaseth might.
- 6 For by wise guidance thou shalt make thy war :
 And in the multitude of counsellors there is
⁵safety.
- 7 Wisdom is too high for a fool :
 He openeth not his mouth in the gate.
- 8 He that deviseth to do evil,
 Men shall call him a mischievous person.
- 9 The thought of ⁶the foolish is sin :
 And the scorner is an abomination to men.
- 10 If thou faint in the day of adversity,
 Thy strength is small.
- 11 Deliver them that are carried away unto death,
 And those that are ⁷ready to be slain ⁸see that
 thou hold back.
- 12 If thou sayest, Behold, we knew not ⁹this :
 Doth not he that weigheth the hearts consider
 it ?

¹ Or, a
basilisk² Or, strange
women³ Heb. is in
strength.⁴ Heb.
strengtheneth
might.⁵ Or, victory⁶ Heb.
foolishness.⁷ Heb.
tottering to the
slaughter.⁸ Or, forbear
thou not to
deliver⁹ Or, this man

And he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it?

And shall not he render to every man according to his work?

My son, eat thou honey, for it is good; 13
And the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy taste:

So shalt thou know wisdom to be unto thy 14
soul:

If thou hast found it, then shall there be a 15
¹reward,

And thy hope shall not be cut off.

Lay not wait, ²O wicked man, against the ³habit- 15
ation of the righteous;

Spoil not his ⁴resting place:

For a righteous man falleth seven times, and 16
riseth up again:

But the wicked are overthrown by calamity.

Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, 17

And let not thine heart be glad when he is
overthrown:

Lest the LORD see it, and it displease him, 18

And he turn away his wrath from him.

Fret not thyself because of evil-doers; 19

Neither be thou envious at the wicked:

For there will be no ¹reward to the evil man; 20

The lamp of the wicked shall be put out.

My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: 21

And meddle not with them that are given to
change:

For their calamity shall rise suddenly; 22

And who knoweth the destruction ⁵of them
both?

These also are *sayings* of the wise. 23

To have respect of persons in judgement is not
good.

¹ See ch. xxiii.
18.

² Or, as a
wicked man

³ Or, pasture

⁴ Or, fold

⁵ Or, of their
years

24 He that saith unto the wicked, Thou art righteous ;
Peoples shall curse him, nations shall abhor him :

25 But to them that rebuke *him* shall be delight,
And a good blessing shall come upon them.

26 He ¹kisseth the lips
That giveth a right answer.

¹ Or, *kisseth with the lips*

27 Prepare thy work without,
And make it ready for thee in the field ;
And afterwards build thine house.

28 Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause ;

²And deceive not with thy lips.

² Heb. *And wouldst thou deceive with thy lips?*

29 Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me ;

I will render to the man according to his work.

30 I went by the field of the slothful,
And by the vineyard of the man void of understanding ;

31 And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns,
The face thereof was covered with ³nettles,
And the stone wall thereof was broken down.

³ Or, *wild vetches*

32 Then I beheld, and considered well :
I saw, and received instruction.

33 ⁴*Yet* a little sleep, a little slumber,
A little folding of the hands to sleep :

⁴ See ch. vi. 10, 11.

34 So shall thy poverty come as a robber ;
And thy want as an armed man.

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25 ¹ These also are proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.

2 It is the glory of God to conceal a thing :
But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.

3 The heaven for height, and the earth for depth,
And the heart of kings is unsearchable.

4 Take away the dross from the silver,

And there cometh forth a vessel for the finer :
 Take away the wicked *from* before the king, 5
 And his throne shall be established in righteousness.

¹ Heb. *Glorify not thyself.* ¹ Put not thyself forward in the presence of the king, 6

And stand not in the place of great men :
 For better is it that it be said unto thee, Come 7
 up hither ;

Than that thou shouldest be put lower in the
 presence of the prince,
 Whom thine eyes have seen.

Go not forth hastily to strive, 8

² Or, *Lest it be said in the end thereof, What wilt thou do? when &c.* ² Lest *thou know not* what to do in the end thereof, 9

When thy neighbour hath put thee to shame.
 Debate thy cause with thy neighbour *himself*, 9

³ Or, *But* ³ And disclose not the secret of another :

Lest he that heareth it revile thee, 10
 And thine infamy turn not away.

⁴ Or, *in due season* A word ⁴ fitly spoken 11

⁵ Or, *filigree work* Is *like* apples of gold in ⁵ baskets of silver.
As ⁶ an earring of gold, and an ornament of 12

⁶ Or, *a nose-ring* fine gold,

So is a wise reprover upon an obedient ear.
 As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, 13

So is a faithful messenger to them that send him ;
 For he refresheth the soul of his masters.

As clouds and wind without rain, 14

⁷ Heb. *in a gift of falsehood.* *So is* he that boasteth himself ⁷ of his gifts
 falsely.

⁸ Or, *judge* By long forbearing is a ⁸ ruler persuaded, 15

And a soft tongue breaketh the bone.

Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is 16
 sufficient for thee ;

Lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it.

⁹ Heb. *full of thee.* Let thy foot be seldom in thy neighbour's house; 17

Lest he be ⁹ weary of thee, and hate thee.

- 18 A man that beareth false witness against his neighbour
Is a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.
- 19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble
Is *like* a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.
- 20 *As* one that taketh off a garment in cold weather, *and as* vinegar upon ¹nitre, ¹ Or, *soda*
So is he that singeth songs to an heavy heart.
- 21 If ²thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; ² Heb. *he that hateth thee.*
And if he be thirsty, give him water to drink :
- 22 For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head,
And the LORD shall reward thee.
- 23 The north wind bringeth forth rain :
So doth a backbiting tongue an angry countenance.
- 24 ³It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, ³ See ch. xxi. 9.
Than with a contentious woman in a wide house.
- 25 *As* cold waters to a ⁴thirsty soul, ⁴ Or, *weary*
So is good news from a far country.
- 26 *As* a ⁵troubled fountain, and a corrupted spring, ⁵ Heb. *trampled.*
So *is* a righteous man that ⁶giveth way before the wicked. ⁶ Or, *is moved*
- 27 It is not good to eat much honey :
⁷So *for men* to search out their own glory is *not* glory. ⁷ Or, *But for men to search out their own glory is glory*
- 28 ⁸He whose spirit is without restraint
Is *like* a city that is broken down and hath no wall. ⁸ Heb. *text is obscure.*
⁸ Or, *He that hath no rule over his spirit*
- 26 ¹ As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest,
So honour is not seemly for a fool.
- 2 As the sparrow in her wandering, as the swallow in her flying,
So the curse that is causeless ⁹lighteth not. ⁹ Heb. *cometh not.*
- 3 A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass,

And a rod for the back of fools.
 Answer not a fool according to his folly, 4
 Lest thou also be like unto him.
 Answer a fool according to his folly, 5
 Lest he be wise in ¹his own conceit.
 He that sendeth a message by the hand of a 6
 fool
 Cutteth off *his own* feet, and drinketh in
 damage.
 The legs of the lame hang loose : 7
 So is a parable in the mouth of fools.
²As a bag of gems in a heap of stones, 8
 So is he that giveth honour to a fool.
As a thorn that goeth up into the hand of a 9
 drunkard,
 So is a parable in the mouth of fools.
³As an archer that woundeth all, 10
 So is he that hireth the fool and he that hireth
 them that pass by.
 As a dog that returneth to his vomit, 11
 So is a fool that repeateth his folly.
 Seest thou a man wise in ¹his own conceit ? 12
 There is more hope of a fool than of him.
⁴The sluggard saith, There is a lion in the way ; 13
 A lion is in the streets.
 As the door turneth upon its hinges, 14
 So doth the sluggard upon his bed.
⁵The sluggard burieth his hand in the dish ; 15
 It wearieth him to bring it again to his mouth.
 The sluggard is wiser in ¹his own conceit 16
 Than seven men that can ⁶render a reason.
⁷He that passeth by, and vexeth himself with 17
 strife belonging not to him,
 Is *like* one that taketh a dog by the ears.
 As a madman who casteth firebrands, 18
 Arrows, and death ;
 So is the man that deceiveth his neighbour, 19
 And saith, Am not I in sport ?

¹ Heb. *his own eyes.*

² Or, *As one that bindeth fast a stone in a sling*

³ Or, *A master worker formeth all things ; but he that hireth the fool is as one that hireth them that pass by*
 The Hebrew text is obscure.

⁴ See ch. xxii. 13.

⁵ See ch. xix. 24.

⁶ Or, *answer discreetly*

⁷ Or, *He that vexeth himself ... is like one that taketh a passing dog &c.*

- 20 For lack of wood the fire goeth out :
And where there is no whisperer, contention
ceaseth.
- 21 As coals are to hot embers, and wood to fire ;
So is a contentious man to inflame strife.
- 22 ¹The words of a whisperer are as dainty ¹ See ch. xviii.
morsels, 8.
And they go down into the innermost parts of
the belly.
- 23 Fervent lips and a wicked heart
Are *like* an earthen vessel overlaid with silver
dross.
- 24 He that hateth dissembleth with his lips,
But he layeth up deceit within him :
- 25 When he speaketh fair, believe him not ;
For there are seven abominations in his heart :
- 26 Though *his* hatred cover itself with guile,
His wickedness shall be openly shewed before
the congregation.
- 27 Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein :
And he that rolleth a stone, it shall return upon
him.
- 28 A lying tongue hateth those whom it hath
²wounded ; ² Heb. *crushed*.
And a flattering mouth worketh ruin.
- 27** ¹ Boast not thyself of to-morrow ;
For thou knowest not what a day may bring
forth.
- 2 Let another man praise thee, and not thine own
mouth ;
A stranger, and not thine own lips.
- 3 A stone is heavy, and the sand weighty ;
But a fool's vexation is heavier than them both.
- 4 Wrath is cruel, and anger is ³outrageous ; ³ Heb. *a flood*.
But who is able to stand before jealousy ?
- 5 Better is open rebuke
Than love that is hidden.
- 6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend :

But the kisses of an enemy are profuse.

¹ Heb.
*trampleth
upon.*

The full soul ¹loatheth an honeycomb : 7

But to the hungry soul every bitter thing is
sweet.

As a bird that wandereth from her nest, 8

So is a man that wandereth from his place.

Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart : 9

So doth the sweetness of a man's friend *that
cometh* of hearty counsel.

Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, for- 10
sake not ;

And go not to thy brother's house in the day
of thy calamity :

Better is a neighbour that is near than a brother
far off.

My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, 11

That I may answer him that reproacheth me.

² See ch. xxii.
3.

² A prudent man seeth the evil, *and* hideth 12
himself :

But the simple pass on, *and* suffer for it.

³ See ch. xx.
16.

³ Take his garment that is surety for a stranger ; 13

And hold him in pledge *that is surety* for a
strange woman.

He that blesseth his friend with a loud voice, 14
rising early in the morning,

It shall be counted a curse to him.

A continual dropping in a very rainy day 15

And a contentious woman are alike :

⁴ Heb. *hide.*

He that would ⁴restrain her ⁵restraineth the wind, 16

⁵ Heb. *hideth.*

And ⁶his right hand encountereth oil.

⁶ Or, *the oint-
ment of his
right hand
bewrayeth
itself*

Iron sharpeneth iron ; 17

So a man sharpeneth the countenance of his
friend.

Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit 18
thereof ;

And he that waiteth on his master shall be
honoured.

⁷ Or, *As water
sheweth face
to face, so the
heart sheweth
man to man*

⁷ As in water face *answereth* to face, 19

So the heart of man to man.

- 20 ¹Sheol and Abaddon are never satisfied ;
And the eyes of man are never satisfied.

¹ See ch. xv.
11.

- 21 The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold,

And a man is *tried* by ²his praise.

² Or, *that which he praiseth*
Or, *that whereof he boasteth*

- 22 Though thou shouldest bray a fool in a mortar with a pestle among bruised corn,

Yet will not his foolishness depart from him.

- 23 Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks,
And look well to thy herds :

- 24 For riches are not for ever ;

And doth the crown endure unto all generations ?

- 25 The ³hay is carried, and the tender grass sheweth itself, ³ Heb. *grass*.

And the herbs of the mountains are gathered in.

- 26 The lambs are for thy clothing,

And the goats are the price of the field :

- 27 And *there will be* goats' milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy household ;

And maintenance for thy maidens.

- 28 ¹ The wicked flee when no man pursueth :
But the righteous are bold as a lion.

- 2 For the transgression of a land many are the princes thereof :

But by ⁴men of understanding *and* knowledge the state *thereof* shall be prolonged. ⁴ Or, *a man*

- 3 A needy man that oppresseth the poor

Is *like* a sweeping rain ⁵which leaveth no food.

⁵ Heb.
without food.

- 4 They that forsake the law praise the wicked :

But such as keep the law contend with them.

- 5 Evil men understand not judgement :

But they that seek the LORD understand all things.

- 6 ⁶Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity,

⁶ See ch. xix.
1.

¹ Heb. *pervverse
of two ways.*

Than he that is ¹pervverse in *his* ways, though
he be rich.

Whoso keepeth the law is a wise son : 7

But he that is a companion of gluttonous men
shameth his father.

He that augmenteth his substance by usury and ⁸
increase,

Gathereth it for him that hath pity on the poor.

He that turneth away his ear from hearing the ⁹
law,

Even his prayer is an abomination.

Whoso causeth the upright to go astray in an ¹⁰
evil way,

He shall fall himself into his own pit :

But the perfect shall inherit good.

² Heb. *his own
eyes.*

The rich man is wise in ²his own conceit ; 11

But the poor that hath understanding searcheth
him out.

When the righteous triumph, there is great ¹²
glory :

³ Heb. *must
be searched
for.*

But when the wicked rise, men ³hide them-
selves.

He that covereth his transgressions shall not ¹³
prosper :

But whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall
obtain mercy.

Happy is the man that feareth alway : 14

But he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into

⁴ Or, *calamity*

⁴mischief.

As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear ; 15

So is a wicked ruler over a poor people.

⁵ Or, *O prince
that lacketh
understanding
and art a great
oppressor, he
&c.*

⁵The prince that lacketh understanding is also ¹⁶
a great oppressor :

But he that hateth covetousness shall prolong
his days.

A man that is laden with the blood of any ¹⁷
person

Shall flee unto the pit ; let no man stay him.

- 18 Whoso walketh uprightly shall be delivered :
But ¹he that is perverse in *his* ways shall fail at once.
- 19 ²He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread :
But he that followeth after vain *persons* shall have poverty enough.
- 20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings :
But he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be unpunished.
- 21 To have respect of persons is not good :
³Neither that a man should transgress for a piece of bread.
- 22 He that hath an evil eye hasteth after riches,
And knoweth not that want shall come upon him.
- 23 He that rebuketh a man shall afterward find more favour
Than he that flattereth with the tongue.
- 24 Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, It is no transgression ;
The same is the companion of a destroyer.
- 25 He that is of a greedy spirit stirreth up strife :
But he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat.
- 26 He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool :
But whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.
- 27 He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack :
But he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.
- 28 When the wicked rise, men hide themselves :
But when they perish, the righteous increase.
- 29 ¹ He that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck
Shall suddenly be broken, and that without remedy.
- 2 When the righteous ⁴are increased, the people rejoice :

¹ Or, *he that walketh perversely in two ways*

² See ch. xii. 11.

³ Or, *For for a piece of bread a man will transgress*

⁴ Or, *are in authority*

But when a wicked man beareth rule, the people sigh.

Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father : 3

But he that keepeth company with harlots wasteth *his* substance.

The king by judgement establisheth the land : 4

But ¹he that exacteth gifts overthroweth it.

A man that flattereth his neighbour 5

Spreadeth a net for his steps.

In the transgression of an evil man there is a 6
snare :

But the righteous doth sing and rejoice.

The righteous taketh knowledge of the cause 7
of the poor :

The wicked ²hath not understanding to know *it*.

Scornful men set a city in a flame : 8

But wise men turn away wrath.

If a wise man hath a controversy with a foolish 9
man,

³Whether he be angry or laugh, there will be
no rest.

The bloodthirsty hate him that is perfect : 10

⁴And as for the upright, they seek his life.

A fool uttereth all his ⁵anger : 11

But a wise man keepeth it back and stilleth it.

If a ruler hearkeneth to falsehood, 12

All his servants are wicked.

The poor man and the oppressor meet together : 13

The LORD lighteneth the eyes of them both.

The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, 14

His throne shall be established for ever.

The rod and reproof give wisdom : 15

But a child left to himself causeth shame to his
mother.

When the wicked ⁶are increased, transgression 16
increaseth :

But the righteous shall look upon their fall.

Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; 17

¹ Or, *he that imposeth tribute*
Heb. *a man of offerings.*

² Or, *understandeth not knowledge*

³ Or, *He rageth and laugheth, and there is no rest*

⁴ Or, *But the upright care for his soul*

⁵ Heb. *spirit.*

⁶ Or, *are in authority*

Yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

- 18 Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint :

But he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

- 19 A servant will not be corrected by words :

For though he understand he will not ¹give heed.

- 20 Seest thou a man that is hasty in his ²words?

There is more hope of a fool than of him.

- 21 He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child

Shall have him become ³a son at the last.

- 22 An angry man stirreth up strife,

And a wrathful man aboundeth in transgression.

- 23 A man's pride shall bring him low :

But he that is of a lowly spirit shall obtain honour.

- 24 Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul :

⁴He heareth the adjuration and uttereth nothing.

- 25 The fear of man bringeth a snare :

But whoso putteth his trust in the LORD ⁵shall be safe.

- 26 Many seek the ruler's favour :

But a man's judgement *cometh* from the LORD.

- 27 An unjust man is an abomination to the righteous :

And he that is upright in the way is an abomination to the wicked.

¹ Heb. answer.

² Or, business

³ The meaning of the word is doubtful. The Vulgate renders it, refractory.

⁴ See Lev. v. 1.

⁵ Heb. shall be set on high.

⁶ Or, *Jakeh*, of Massa See Gen. xxv.

¹⁴ Or, burden

⁸ Or, as otherwise read, *I have wearied myself, O God. I have wearied myself, O God, and am consumed: for I am &c.*

- 30 ¹The words of Agur the son of ⁶Jakeh ; the ⁷oracle.

The man saith ⁸unto Ithiel, unto Ithiel and Ucal :

- 2 Surely I am more brutish than any man, And have not the understanding of a man :

- 3 And I have not learned wisdom,

¹ Or, *That I
should have the
knowledge &c.*

¹ Neither have I the knowledge of the Holy One.

Who hath ascended up into heaven, and de- 4
scended?

Who hath gathered the wind in his fists?

Who hath bound the waters in his garment?

Who hath established all the ends of the earth?

What is his name, and what is his son's name,
if thou knowest?

² See Ps. xii. 6,
xviii. 30.

² Every word of God is ³tried: 5

He is a shield unto them that trust in him.

³ Heb.
purified.

Add thou not unto his words, 6

Lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

Two things have I asked of thee; 7

Deny me *them* not before I die:

Remove far from me vanity and lies: 8

Give me neither poverty nor riches;

⁴ Heb. *the
bread of my
portion.*

Feed me with ⁴the food that is needful for me:

Lest I be full, and deny *thee*, and say, Who is 9
the LORD?

Or lest I be poor, and steal,

⁵ Heb. *handle
the name.*

And ⁵use profanely the name of my God.

Slander not a servant unto his master, 10

Lest he curse thee, and thou be held guilty.

There is a generation that curseth their father, 11

And doth not bless their mother.

There is a generation that are pure in their 12
own eyes,

And *yet* are not washed from their filthiness.

There is a generation, Oh how lofty are their 13
eyes!

And their eyelids are lifted up.

There is a generation whose teeth are *as* 14
swords, and their jaw teeth *as* knives,

To devour the poor from off the earth, and the
needy from among men.

- 15 The ¹horseleach hath two daughters, ²*crying*, ¹ Or, *vampire*
Give, give. ² Or, called

There are three things that are never satisfied,

Yea, four that say not, Enough :

- 16 ³ The grave ; and the barren womb ; ³ Heb. *Sheol*.
The earth that is not satisfied with water ;
And the fire that saith not, Enough.

- 17 The eye that mocketh at his father,
And despiseth to obey his mother,
The ravens of ⁴the valley shall pick it out, ⁴ Or, *the brook*
And the ⁵young eagles shall eat it. ⁵ Or, *vultures*

- 18 There be three things which are too wonderful
for me,

Yea, four which I know not :

- 19 The way of an eagle in the air ;
The way of a serpent upon a rock ;
The way of a ship in the midst of the sea ;
And the way of a man with a maid.

- 20 So is the way of an adulterous woman ;
She eateth, and wipeth her mouth,
And saith, I have done no wickedness.

- 21 ⁶For three things the earth doth tremble, ⁶ Heb. *Under*.
And for four, *which* it cannot bear :

- 22 For a servant when he is king ;
And a fool when he is filled with meat ;
23 For an odious woman when she is married ;
And an handmaid that is heir to her mistress.

- 24 There be four things which are little upon the
earth,

But they are exceeding wise :

- 25 The ants are a people not strong,
Yet they provide their meat in the summer ;

- 26 The ⁷conies are but a feeble folk,

⁷ See Lev. xi.
5.

Yet make they their houses in the rocks;
 The locusts have no king, 27
 Yet go they forth all of them by bands;
 The lizard ¹taketh hold with her hands, 28
 Yet is she in kings' palaces.

¹ Or, *thou
canst seize
with thy hands*

There be three things which are stately in their 29
 march,
 Yea, four which are stately in going:
 The lion, which is mightiest among beasts, 30
 And turneth not away for any;
 The ²greyhound; the he-goat also; 31
 And the king, ³against whom there is no
 rising up.

² Or,
war-horse
Heb. *well girt*
(or, *well knit*)
in the loins.

³ Or, *when his
army is with
him*

If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thy- 32
 self,
 Or if thou hast thought evil,
 Lay thine hand upon thy mouth.
 For the ⁴churning of milk bringeth forth butter, 33
 And the ⁴wringing of the nose bringeth forth
 blood:
 So the ⁴forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.

⁴ Heb.
pressing.

⁵ Or, *The
words of
Lemuel king of
Massa, which
&c.* See ch.
xxx. i, margin.

⁶ Or, *burden*

⁷ Or, as
otherwise
read, *them
that destroy*

⁸ Another
reading is, *to
desire strong
drink.*

⁹ Heb. *that
which is
decreed.*

¹⁰ Heb. *of all
the sons of
affliction.*

⁵The words of king Lemuel; the ⁶oracle 1 31
 which his mother taught him.

What, my son? and what, O son of my womb? ²
 And what, O son of my vows?
 Give not thy strength unto women, 3
 Nor thy ways to ⁷that which destroyeth kings.
 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings ⁴
 to drink wine;
 Nor for princes ⁸to say, Where is strong drink?
 Lest they drink, and forget ⁹the law, 5
 And pervert the judgement ¹⁰of any that is
 afflicted.
 Give strong drink unto him that is ready to ⁶
 perish,

And wine unto the bitter in soul :

- 7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty,
And remember his misery no more.
- 8 Open thy mouth for the dumb,
In the cause of all such as are ¹left desolate.
- 9 Open thy mouth, judge righteously,
And minister judgement to the poor and needy.
- ¹ Or, *ready to pass away*
Heb. *the sons of passing away.*
- 10 A virtuous woman who can find ?
For her price is far above ²rubies.
- 11 The heart of her husband trusteth in her,
And he shall have no lack of ³gain.
- 12 She doeth him good and not evil
All the days of her life.
- 13 She seeketh wool and flax,
And worketh ⁴willingly with her hands.
- 14 She is like the merchant-ships ;
She bringeth her food from afar.
- 15 She riseth also while it is yet night,
And giveth meat to her household,
And their ⁵task to her maidens.
- 16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it :
With the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.
- 17 She girdeth her loins with strength,
And maketh strong her arms.
- 18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is profitable :
Her lamp goeth not out by night.
- 19 She layeth her hands to the distaff,
And her ⁶hands hold the spindle.
- 20 She spreadeth out her ⁷hand to the poor ;
Yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.
- 21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household ;
For all her household are clothed with scarlet.
- 22 She maketh for herself ⁸carpets of tapestry ;
Her clothing is fine linen and purple.
- ² See Job xxviii. 18.
³ Heb. *spoil.*
⁴ Or, *at the business of*
⁵ Or, *portion*
⁶ Heb. *palms.*
⁷ Heb. *palm.*
⁸ Or, *cushions*

Her husband is known in the gates, 23
 When he sitteth among the elders of the land.
 She maketh linen garments and selleth them ; 24
 And delivereth girdles unto the ¹merchant.
¹ Heb. *Canaanite.* Strength and dignity are her clothing ; 25
 And she laugheth at the time to come.
 She openeth her mouth with wisdom ; 26
² Or, *teaching* And the ²law of kindness is on her tongue.
 She looketh well to the ways of her household, 27
 And eateth not the bread of idleness.
 Her children rise up, and call her blessed ; 28
 Her husband *also*, and he praiseth her, *saying*:
 Many daughters have done virtuously, 29
 But thou excellest them all.
 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain : 30
But a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall
 be praised.
 Give her of the fruit of her hands ; 31
 And let her works praise her in the gates.

ECCLESIASTES;

OR, THE PREACHER.

- 1 ¹ THE words of ¹the Preacher, the son of David, ¹ Or, *the great orator*
king in Jerusalem. *Heb. Koheleth.*
- 2 Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher; vanity
3 of vanities, all is vanity. What profit hath
4 man of all his labour wherein he laboureth
5 under the sun? One generation goeth, and
6 another generation cometh; and the earth
7 abideth for ever. The sun also ariseth, and
8 the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place
9 where he ariseth. The wind goeth toward
10 the south, and turneth about unto the north;
11 it turneth about continually in its course, and
12 the wind returneth again to its circuits. All the
13 ²rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full; ² Or, *torrents*
14 unto the place whither the rivers go, thither
15 they go again. ³All things are full of weariness; man cannot utter *it*: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. ³ Or, *All words are feeble*
- 16 That which hath been is that which shall be;
17 and that which hath been done is that which
18 shall be done: and there is no new thing under
19 the sun. Is there a thing whereof men say,
20 See, this is new? it hath been already, in the
21 ages which were before us. There is no remembrance of the former *generations*; neither shall there be any remembrance of the latter

generations that are to come, among those that shall come after.

¹ See ver. 1. I ¹the Preacher was king over Israel in Je-¹²
 rusalem. And I applied my heart to seek and ¹³
 to search out by wisdom concerning all that is
 done under heaven: it is a sore travail that
 God hath given to the sons of men to be
 exercised therewith. I have seen all the works ¹⁴
 that are done under the sun; and, behold, all
 is vanity and ²a striving after wind. That ¹⁵
 which is crooked cannot be made straight: and
³that which is wanting cannot be numbered.
 I communed with mine own heart, saying, Lo, ¹⁶
 I have gotten me great wisdom ⁴above all that
 were before me ⁵in Jerusalem: yea, my heart
⁶hath had great experience of wisdom and
 knowledge. And I applied my heart to know ¹⁷
 wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I per-
 ceived that this also was a striving after wind.
 For in much wisdom is much grief: and he ¹⁸
 that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.

² Or, *a feeding on wind* (see Hos. xii. 1)
 Or, *vexation of spirit*
 and so else-
 where.

³ Heb. *defect*.

⁴ Or, *yea, more than all*

⁵ Heb. *over*.

⁶ Heb.
hath seen abundantly.

⁷ Or, *and thou shalt enjoy*

⁸ Or, *good*

⁹ Or, *holding its course*

¹⁰ Heb.
the number of the days of their life.

I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove ¹ **2**
 thee with mirth; ⁷therefore enjoy ⁸pleasure:
 and, behold, this also was vanity. I said of ²
 laughter, It is mad: and of mirth, What doeth
 it? I searched in mine heart how to cheer my ³
 flesh with wine, mine heart yet ⁹guiding *me* with
 wisdom, and how to lay hold on folly, till I might
 see what it was good for the sons of men that
 they should do under the heaven ¹⁰all the days
 of their life. I made me great works; I builded ⁴
 me houses; I planted me vineyards; I made ⁵
 me gardens and parks, and I planted trees in
 them of all kinds of fruit: I made me pools ⁶
 of water, to water therefrom the forest where
 trees were reared: I bought menservants and ⁷
 maidens, and had servants born in my house;
 also I had great possessions of herds and

- flocks, above all that were before me in Jerusalem: I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I gat me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, ⁹ 'concubines very many. So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom ²remained with me. And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them: I withheld not my heart from any joy, for my heart rejoiced because of all my labour; and this was my portion from all my labour. Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was no profit under the sun.
- ¹² And I turned myself to behold wisdom, and madness and folly: for what *can* the man *do* that cometh ³after the king? *even* that which ¹³ hath been already done. Then I saw that wisdom excelleth folly, as far as light excelleth ¹⁴ darkness. The wise man's eyes are in his head, and the fool walketh in darkness: and yet I perceived that one event happeneth to them ¹⁵ all. Then said I in my heart, As it happeneth to the fool, so will it happen even to me; and why was I then more wise? Then I said in ¹⁶ my heart, that this also was vanity. For of the wise man, even as of the fool, there is no remembrance for ever; seeing that in the days to come all will have been already forgotten. And how doth the wise man die even as the ¹⁷ fool! So I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun was grievous unto me: for all is vanity and a striving after wind.
- ¹⁸ And I hated all my labour wherein I laboured under the sun: seeing that I must leave it unto

¹ Or, musical instruments, and that of all sorts

The Sept. and Syriac render, *cup-bearers, male and female.*

The meaning of the Hebrew is very uncertain.

² Or, stood by me

³ Or, after the king, even him whom they made king long ago?

Or, after the king, in those things which have been already done?

the man that shall be after me. And who know-¹⁹
 eth whether he shall be a wise man or a fool?
 yet shall he have rule over all my labour wherein
 I have laboured, and wherein I have shewed
 wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity.
 Therefore I turned about to cause my heart to²⁰
 despair concerning all the labour wherein I had
 laboured under the sun. For there is a man²¹
 whose labour is with wisdom, and with know-
 ledge, and with ¹skilfulness; yet to a man that
 hath not laboured therein shall he ²leave it for
 his portion. This also is vanity and a great
 evil. For what hath a man of all his labour,²²
 and of the ³striving of his heart, wherein he
 laboureth under the sun? For all his days are²³
but sorrows, and his travail is grief; yea, even in
 the night his heart taketh no rest. This also is
 vanity.

There is nothing better for a man *than* that he²⁴
 should eat and drink, and make his soul enjoy
 good in his labour. This also I saw, that it is
 from the hand of God. For who can eat, or²⁵
 who can ⁴have enjoyment, ⁵more than I? For²⁶
 to the man that pleaseth him *God* giveth
 wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: but to the
 sinner he giveth travail, to gather and to heap
 up, that he may give to him that pleaseth
 God. This also is vanity and a striving after
 wind.

To every thing there is a season, and a time¹ **3**
 to every ⁶purpose under the heaven: a time to²
 be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and
 a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time³
 to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break
 down, and a time to build up; a time to weep,⁴
 and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a
 time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and⁵
 a time to gather stones together; a time to

¹ Or, *success*² Heb. *give*.³ Or, *vexation*⁴ Or,
hasten thereto⁵ According to
some ancient
authorities,
apart from
him.⁶ Or, *matter*

- embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing ;
6 a time to seek, and a time to lose ; a time to
7 keep, and a time to cast away ; a time to rend,
and a time to sew ; a time to keep silence, and
8 a time to speak ; a time to love, and a time to
hate ; a time for war, and a time for peace.
9 What profit hath he that worketh in that where-
10 in he laboureth ? I have seen the travail which
God hath given to the sons of men to be
11 exercised therewith. He hath made every thing
beautiful in its time : also he hath set ¹the world ¹Or, *eternity*
in their heart, yet so that man cannot find out
the work that God hath done from the begin-
12 ning even to the end. I know that there is
nothing better for them, than to rejoice, and ²to ²Or, *to get*
13 do good so long as they live. And also that ^{good}
every man should eat and drink, and enjoy
14 good in all his labour, is the gift of God. I
know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be
for ever : nothing can be put to it, nor any thing
taken from it : and God hath done it, that men
15 should fear before him. ³That which is hath ³Or, *That*
been already ; and that which is to be hath *which hath*
already been : and God seeketh again that *been is now*
which is ⁴passed away. ⁴Heb.
16 And moreover I saw under the sun, in the *driven away.*
place of judgement, that wickedness was there ;
and in the place of righteousness, that wicked-
17 ness was there. I said in mine heart, God shall
judge the righteous and the wicked : for there
is a time there for every ⁵purpose and for every
18 work. ⁶I said in mine heart, *It is* because of
the sons of men, that God may prove them,
and that they may see that they themselves
19 are *but as* beasts. For ⁷that which befalleth
the sons of men befalleth beasts ; even one
thing befalleth them : as the one dieth, so dieth
the other ; yea, they have all one ⁸breath ; and ⁸Or, *spirit*

⁵ Or, *matter*⁶ Or, *I said in mine heart concerning the sons of men, It is that God &c.*⁷ Or, *the sons of men are a chance, and the beasts are a chance, and one &c.*

man hath no preeminence above the beasts: for all is vanity. All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again. Who knoweth the spirit ¹of man ²whether it goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast ²whether it goeth downward to the earth? Wherefore I saw that there is nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his works; for that is his portion: for who shall bring him *back* to see what shall be after him?

Then I returned and saw all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold, the tears of such as were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors there was power, but they had no comforter. Wherefore I praised the dead which are already dead more than the living which are yet alive; yea, ³better than them both *did I* esteem him which hath not yet been, who hath not seen the evil work that is done under the sun.

Then I saw all labour and every ⁴skilful work, that ⁵for this a man is envied of his neighbour. This also is vanity and a striving after wind. The fool foldeth his hands together, and eateth his own flesh. Better is an handful ⁶with quietness, than two handfuls ⁶with labour and striving after wind.

Then I returned and saw vanity under the sun. There is one that is alone, and he hath not a second; yea, he hath neither son nor brother; yet is there no end of all his labour, neither are his eyes satisfied with riches. For whom then, *saith he*, do I labour, and deprive my soul of good? This also is vanity, yea, it is a sore travail. Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his

¹ Heb. of the sons of men.

² Or, that goeth

³ Or, better than they both is he which &c.

⁴ Or, successful

⁵ Or, it cometh of a man's rivalry with his neighbour

⁶ Or, of

fellow : but woe to him that is alone when he falleth, and hath not another to lift him up.

11 Again, if two lie together, then they have warmth : but how can one be warm *alone*?

12 And if a man prevail against him that is alone, two shall withstand him ; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

13 Better is a poor and wise youth than an old and foolish king, who knoweth not how

14 to receive admonition any more. For out of prison he came forth to be king ; ¹yea, even in

15 his kingdom he was born poor. I saw all the living which walk under the sun, that they were

with the youth, the second, that stood up in his

16 stead. ²There was no end of all the people, even of all them over whom he was : yet they that come after shall not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and a striving after wind.

5 ¹ Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God ; for to draw nigh to hear is better than to give the sacrifice of fools : for they know

2 not that they do evil. Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter ³any thing before God ; for God is in

heaven, and thou upon earth : therefore let thy

3 words be few. For a dream cometh with a multitude of ⁴business ; and a fool's voice with

4 a multitude of words. When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it ; for he hath no

pleasure in fools : pay that which thou vowest.

5 Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than

6 that thou shouldest vow and not pay. Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin ; neither say thou before the ⁵angel, that it was an error :

wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands ? ⁶For *thus*

it cometh to pass through the multitude of dreams and vanities and many words : but fear thou God.

¹ According to some ancient versions, *whereas the other though born in his kingdom became poor.*

² Or, *There is no end, in the mind of all the people, to all that hath been before them ; they also &c.*

[Ch. iv. 17 in Heb.]

[Ch. v. 1 in Heb.]

³ Or, *a word*

⁴ Or, *travail*

⁵ Or, *messenger of God*

See Mal. ii. 7.

⁶ Or, *For in the multitude of dreams and vanities are also many words*

or, there are vanities, and in many words

If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and the violent taking away of judgement and justice in ¹a province, marvel not at the matter: for one higher than the high regardeth; and there be higher than they. ²Moreover the profit of the earth is for all: the king *himself* is served by the field.

¹ Or, *the state*
² Or, *But the profit of a land every way is a king that maketh himself servant to the field or, is a king over the cultivated field*

He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this also is vanity. When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what advantage is there to the owner thereof, saving the beholding *of them* with his eyes? The sleep of a labouring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the fulness of the rich will not suffer him to sleep.

There is a grievous evil which I have seen under the sun, *namely*, riches kept by the owner thereof to his hurt: and those riches perish by evil ³adventure; and if he hath begotten a son, there is nothing in his hand. As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he go again as he came, and shall take nothing for his labour, which he may carry away in his hand. And this also is a grievous evil, that in all points as he came, so shall he go: and what profit hath he that he laboureth for the wind? ⁴All his days also he eateth in darkness, and he is sore vexed and hath sickness and wrath.

³ Or, *travail*
⁴ The Sept. has, *All his days are in darkness and mourning, and much vexation and sickness and wrath.*

⁵ Or, *that which I have seen: it is good and comely for one &c.*

⁶ Heb. *the number of the days.*

Behold, ⁵that which I have seen to be good and to be comely is for one to eat and to drink, and to enjoy good in all his labour, wherein he laboureth under the sun, ⁶all the days of his life which God hath given him: for this is his portion. Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this is the gift of

20 God. For he shall not much remember the days of his life; because God answereth *him* in the joy of his heart.

- 6 ¹ There is an evil which I have seen under
² the sun, and it is heavy upon men: a man to whom God giveth riches, wealth, and honour, so that he lacketh nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof, but a stranger eateth it; this is
³ vanity, and it is an evil disease. If a man beget an hundred children, and live many years, so that the days of his years be many, but his soul be not filled with good, and moreover he have no burial; I say, that an untimely birth is
⁴ better than he: for it cometh in vanity, and departeth in darkness, and the name thereof
⁵ is covered with darkness; moreover it hath not seen the sun ¹nor known it; ²this hath rest
⁶ rather than the other: yea, though he live a thousand years twice told, and yet enjoy no
⁷ good: do not all go to one place? All the labour of man is for his mouth, and yet the
⁸ appetite is not filled. For what advantage hath the wise more than the fool? ³or what
⁹ hath the poor man, that knoweth to walk before the living? Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the desire: this also is vanity and a striving after wind.
- 10 ⁴Whatsoever hath been, the name thereof was given long ago, and it is known that it is ⁵man: neither can he contend with him that
¹¹ is mightier than he. Seeing there be many
⁶things that increase vanity, what is man the
¹² better? For who knoweth what is good for man in *his* life, ⁷all the days of his vain life which he spendeth as a shadow? for who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?

¹ Or, neither had any knowledge

² Or, it is better with this than with the other

³ Or, or the poor man that hath understanding, in walking before the living

⁴ Or, Whatsoever he be, his name was given him long ago, and it is known that he is man

⁵ Heb. Adam. See Gen. ii. 7.

⁶ Or, words

⁷ Heb. the number of the days.

A *good* name is better than precious ointment; ¹ 7
 and the day of death than the day of one's birth.
 It is better to go to the house of mourning, than ²
 to go to the house of feasting: for that is the
 end of all men; and the living will lay it to his
 heart. Sorrow is better than laughter: for by ³
 the sadness of the countenance the heart is made
¹ glad. The heart of the wise is in the house of ⁴
 mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house
 of mirth. It is better to hear the rebuke of ⁵
 the wise, than for a man to hear the song of
 fools. For as the crackling of thorns under a ⁶
 pot, so is the laughter of the fool: this also is
 vanity. ² Surely extortion maketh a wise man ⁷
 foolish; and a gift destroyeth the understanding.
 Better is the end of a thing than the beginning ⁸
 thereof: *and* the patient in spirit is better than
 the proud in spirit. Be not hasty in thy spirit ⁹
 to be ³ angry: for ⁴ anger resteth in the bosom
 of fools. Say not thou, What is the cause ¹⁰
 that the former days were better than these?
 for thou dost not inquire ⁵ wisely concerning this.
 Wisdom ⁶ is as good as an inheritance: yea, ¹¹
 more excellent is it for them that see the sun.
 For wisdom is a defence, even as money is ¹²
 a defence: but the excellency of knowledge is,
 that wisdom preserveth the life of him that
 hath it. Consider the work of God: for who ¹³
 can make that straight, which he hath made
 crooked? In the day of prosperity be joyful, ¹⁴
 and in the day of adversity consider: God hath
 even made the one side by side with the other,
 to the end that man should not find out any
 thing *that shall be* after him.

All this have I seen in the days of my vanity: ¹⁵
 there is a righteous man that perisheth in his
 righteousness, and there is a wicked man that
 prolongeth *his life* in his evil-doing. Be not ¹⁶

¹ Or, *better*

² Or, *For*

³ Or, *vexed*

⁴ Or, *vexation*

⁵ Heb.
out of wisdom.

⁶ Or, *is good
 together with
 an inheritance:
 and profitable
 unto them &c.*

righteous over much; neither make thyself over
 17 wise: why shouldest thou destroy thyself? Be
 not over much wicked, neither be thou foolish:
 18 why shouldest thou die before thy time? It is
 good that thou shouldest take hold of this; yea,
 also from that withdraw not thine hand: for he
 that feareth God shall come forth of them all.

19 Wisdom is a strength to the wise man more
 20 than ten rulers which are in a city. ¹Surely
 there is not a righteous man upon earth, that
 21 doeth good, and sinneth not. Also ²take not
 heed unto all words that are spoken; lest thou
 22 hear thy servant curse thee: for oftentimes
 also thine own heart knoweth that thou thyself
 likewise hast cursed others.

23 All this have I ³proved in wisdom: I said, I
 24 will be wise; but it was far from me. That which
⁴is is far off, and exceeding deep; who can find
 25 it out? I turned about, and my heart *was set* to
 know and to search out, and to seek wisdom
 and the reason *of things*, and to know ⁵that
 wickedness is folly, and that foolishness is
 26 madness: and I find a thing more bitter than
 death, *even* the woman ⁶whose heart is snares
 and nets, *and* her hands *as* bands: whoso
 pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the
 27 sinner shall be taken by her. Behold, this
 have I found, saith the Preacher, ⁷*laying* one
 thing to another, to find out the account:
 28 which my soul still seeketh, but I have not
 found: one man among a thousand have I
 found; but a woman among all those have I not
 29 found. Behold, this only have I found, that
 God made man upright; but they have sought
 out many inventions.

8 ¹ Who is as the wise man? and who know-
 eth the interpretation of a thing? A man's wis-
 dom maketh his face to shine, and the ⁸hardness

¹ Or, *For*

² Heb. *give not
thine heart.*

³ Or, *tried by*

⁴ Or,
hath been

⁵ Or, *the
wickedness of
folly, and
foolishness
which is
madness*

⁶ Or, *who is a
snare, and her
heart is as
nets*

⁷ Or, *weighing
one thing after
another, to find
out the reason*

⁸ Heb.
strength.

of his face is changed. I *counsel thee*, Keep ² the king's command, and that in regard of the oath of God. Be not hasty to go out of his ³ presence; persist not in an evil thing: for he doeth whatsoever pleaseth him. Because the ⁴ king's word *hath* power; and who may say unto him, What doest thou? Whoso keepeth the ⁵ commandment shall know no evil thing; and a wise man's heart discerneth time and judgement: for to every ¹purpose there is a time ⁶ and judgement; because the ²misery of man is great upon him: for he knoweth not that ⁷ which shall be; ³for who can tell him how it shall be? There is no man that hath power ⁸ over the ⁴spirit to retain the ⁴spirit; neither hath he power over the day of death; and there is no discharge ⁵in *that* war: neither shall wickedness deliver him that is given to it. All ⁹ this have I seen, and applied my heart unto every work that is done under the sun: ⁶*there* is a time wherein one man hath power over another ⁷to his hurt.

And withal I saw the wicked buried, ⁸and ¹⁰ they came *to the grave*; and they that had done right went away from the holy place, and were forgotten in the city: this also is vanity. Because sentence against an evil work is not ¹¹ executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is ⁹fully set in them to do evil. Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, ¹² and prolong his *days*, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him: but it shall not be well with ¹³ the wicked, neither shall he prolong *his* days, *which are* as a shadow; because he feareth not before God. There is a vanity which is done ¹⁴ upon the earth; that there be righteous men, unto whom it happeneth according to the work

¹ Or, *matter*² Or, *evil*³ Or, *for even when it cometh to pass, who shall declare it unto him?*⁴ Or, *wind*⁵ Or, *in battle*⁶ Or, *what time one man had &c.*⁷ Or, *to his own hurt*⁸ Or, *who had come and gone away from the holy place, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done*
Or, *and men came and went &c.*⁹ Or, *emboldened*

of the wicked; again, there be wicked men, to whom it happeneth according to the work of the righteous: I said that this also is vanity.

15 Then I commended mirth, because a man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry: ¹for that shall abide with him in his labour *all* the days of his life which God hath given him under the sun.

¹ Or, *and that this should accompany him*

16 When I applied mine heart to know wisdom, and to see the ²business that is done upon the earth: (³for also there is that neither day nor

² Or, *travail*

17 night seeth sleep with his eyes:) then I beheld all the work of God, that man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun: because however much a man labour to seek it out, yet he shall not find it; yea moreover, though a wise man think to know it, yet shall he not be

³ Or, *how that neither by day nor by night do men see sleep with their eyes*

9 1 able to find it. For all this I laid to my heart, even to explore all this; that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, are in the hand of God: whether it be love or hatred, man knoweth it

2 not; all is before them. All things come alike to all: there is one event to the righteous and to the wicked; to the good ⁴and to the clean and to the unclean; to him that sacrificeth and to him that sacrificeth not: as is the good, so is the sinner; *and* he that sweareth, as he that feareth

⁴ Some ancient versions read, *and to the evil; to the clean &c.*

3 an oath. This is an evil in all that is done under the sun, that there is one event unto all: yea also, the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they

4 live, and after that *they go* to the dead. ⁵For to him that is joined with all the living there is hope: for a living dog is better than a

⁵ Another reading is, *For who is exempted? With all &c. or, who can choose? With all &c.*

5 dead lion. For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the

6 memory of them is forgotten. As well their

love, as their hatred and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.

Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and ⁷ drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God hath already accepted thy works. Let thy garments be always white; and let not thy head ⁸ lack ointment. ¹Live joyfully with the wife ⁹ whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion in life, and in thy labour wherein thou labourest under the sun. Whatsoever thy hand ¹⁰ ²findeth to do, do *it* with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in ³the grave, whither thou goest.

¹ Or, *Enjoy*
(Heb. *See*) *life*

² Or, *attaineth*
to do by thy
strength,
that do

³ Heb. *Sheol*.

I returned, and saw under the sun, that the ¹¹ race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all. For man also knoweth not his ¹² time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare, even so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.

I have also seen wisdom under the sun on ¹³ this wise, and it seemed great unto me: there ¹⁴ was a little city, and few men within it; and there came a great king against it, and besieged it, and built great bulwarks against it: now ¹⁵ there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man. Then said ¹⁶ I, Wisdom is better than strength: nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard.

17 The words of the wise ¹*spoken* in quiet are
 heard more than the cry of him that ruleth
 18 among fools. Wisdom is better than weapons
 of war: but one sinner destroyeth much good.
 10 1 Dead flies cause the ointment of the perfumer
²to send forth a stinking savour: *so* doth a little
 2 folly ³outweigh wisdom and honour. A wise
 man's heart is at his right hand; but a fool's
 3 heart at his left. Yea also, when the fool walk-
 eth by the way, his ⁴understanding faileth him,
 4 and he saith ⁵to every one *that* he is a fool. If
 the spirit of the ruler rise up against thee, leave
 not thy place; for ⁶yielding allayeth great of-
 5 fences. There is an evil which I have seen
 under the sun, as it were an error which pro-
 6 ceedeth from the ruler: folly is set in great
 7 ⁷dignity, and the rich sit in low place. I have
 seen servants upon horses, and princes walking
 8 as servants upon the earth. He that diggeth a
 pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh through
 9 a fence, a serpent shall bite him. Whoso ⁸hew-
 eth out stones shall be hurt therewith; *and*
 he that cleaveth wood is endangered thereby.
 10 If the iron be blunt, and one do not whet
 the edge, then must he put to more strength:
 11 but wisdom is profitable to direct. ⁹If the ser-
 pent bite ¹⁰before it be charmed, then is there
 12 no advantage in ¹¹the charmer. The words of
 a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of
 13 a fool will swallow up himself. The beginning
 of the words of his mouth is foolishness: and the
 14 end of ¹²his talk is mischievous madness. A
 fool also multiplieth words: *yet* man knoweth
 not what shall be; and that which shall be after
 15 him, who can tell him? The labour of fools
 wearieth every one of them, for he knoweth
 16 not how to go to the city. Woe to thee, O
 land, when thy king is a ¹³child, and thy princes

¹ Or, heard in quiet are better than &c.

² Or, to stink and putrefy

³ Or, him that is valued for wisdom

⁴ Heb. heart.

⁵ Or, of

⁶ Or, gentleness leaveth great sins undone

⁷ Heb. heights.

⁸ Or, moveth stones

⁹ Or, Surely the serpent will bite where there is no enchantment, and the slanderer is no better

¹⁰ Heb. without enchantment.

¹¹ Heb. the master of the tongue.

¹² Heb. his mouth.

¹³ Or, servant

¹ Or, *a free man*

² Or, *rafters sink*

eat in the morning! Happy art thou, O land, ¹⁷
when thy king is ¹the son of nobles, and thy
princes eat in due season, for strength, and
not for drunkenness! By slothfulness the ²roof ¹⁸
sinketh in; and through idleness of the hands
the house leaketh. A feast is made for laughter, ¹⁹
and wine maketh glad the life: and money an-
swereth all things. Curse not the king, no, not ²⁰
in thy thought; and curse not the rich in thy
bedchamber: for a bird of the air shall carry
the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell
the matter.

³ Or,
Send forth

⁴ Heb.
*upon the face
of the waters.*

⁵ Or, *Divide a
portion into
seven, yea, even
into eight*

⁶ Or, *in*

⁷ Or, *spirit*

³Cast thy bread ⁴upon the waters: for thou ¹ **11**
shalt find it after many days. ⁵Give a portion ²
to seven, yea, even unto eight; for thou knowest
not what evil shall be upon the earth. If the ³
clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves
upon the earth: and if a tree fall ⁶toward the
south, or ⁶toward the north, in the place where
the tree falleth, there shall it be. He that ⁴
observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that
regardeth the clouds shall not reap. As thou ⁵
knowest not what is the way of the ⁷wind, *nor*
how the bones *do grow* in the womb of her that
is with child; even so thou knowest not the
work of God who doeth all. In the morning ⁶
sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not
thine hand: for thou knowest not which shall
prosper, whether this or that, or whether they
both shall be alike good. Truly the light is ⁷
sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to
behold the sun. ⁸Yea, if a man live many years, ⁸
let him rejoice in them all; ⁹but let him remem-
ber the days of darkness, for they shall be
many. All that cometh is vanity.

⁸ Or, *For*

⁹ Or, *and
remember*

Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let ⁹
thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth,
and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in

the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment. Therefore remove ¹sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh: for ¹Or, vexation
Or,
provocation
12 ¹youth and the prime of life are vanity. Remember also thy Creator in the days of thy youth, or ever the evil days come, and the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no ²pleasure in them; or ever the sun, and the light, and the moon, and the stars, be darkened, and ³the clouds return after the rain: in the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the ²grinders cease because they are few, and those ²Or, grinding
women
⁴that look out of the windows be darkened, and the doors shall be shut in the street; when the sound of the grinding is low, and one shall rise up at the voice of a bird, and all the ⁵daughters of music shall be brought low; yea, they shall be afraid ³of *that which is* high, and terrors *shall be* in the way; and the almond tree shall blossom, and the grasshopper ⁴shall ³Or, of danger
from on high
be a burden, and ⁴Or, shall
drag itself
along
⁵the caper-berry shall ⁵Or, desire
⁶fail: ⁶Or, burst
because man goeth to his long home, and the ⁷Or, snapped
asunder
⁶mourners go about the streets: or ever the silver cord be ⁷loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern; ⁷and the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit return unto God who gave it. ⁸Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher; all is vanity.

⁹ And further, because the Preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he ⁸pondered, and sought out, *and* set in ⁸Or, gave ear
¹⁰order many proverbs. The Preacher sought to find out ⁹acceptable words, and that which ⁹Heb. words
of delight,
was written uprightly, *even* words of truth.

The words of the wise are as goads, and as ¹¹ nails well fastened are *the words of* the ¹masters of assemblies, *which* are given from one shepherd. ²And furthermore, my son, be admonished : of making many books there is no end ; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

³ *This is* the end of the matter ; all hath been ¹³ heard : fear God, and keep his commandments ; for ⁴this is the whole *duty* of man. For God ¹⁴ shall bring every work into judgement, ⁵with every hidden thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil.

¹ Or, collectors of sentences

² Or, And as for more than these, my son, be warned

³ Or, Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter

⁴ Or, this is the duty of all men

⁵ Or, concerning

THE SONG OF SONGS.

1 1 THE Song of songs, which is Solomon's.

2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth :
For thy love is better than wine.

3 Thine ointments have a goodly fragrance ;
Thy name is *as* ointment poured forth ;
Therefore do the ¹virgins love thee.

¹ Or, *maidens*

4 Draw me ; we will run after thee :
The king hath brought me into his chambers :
We will be glad and rejoice in thee,
We will make mention of thy love more than
of wine :

²Rightly do they love thee.

² Or, *In
uprightness*

5 I am black, but comely,
O ye daughters of Jerusalem,
As the tents of Kedar,
As the curtains of Solomon.

6 Look not upon me, because I am swarthy,
Because the sun hath ³scorched me.
My mother's sons were incensed against me,
They made me keeper of the vineyards ;
But mine own vineyard have I not kept.

³ Or, *looked
upon*

7 Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth,
Where thou feedest *thy flock*, where thou makest
it to rest at noon :

¹ Most ancient versions have, *wandereth*. For why should I be as one that ¹is veiled
Beside the flocks of thy companions?

If thou know not, O thou fairest among women, 8
Go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock,
And feed thy kids beside the shepherds' tents.

² Or, *my friend* I have compared thee, O ²my love, 9
(and so throughout) ³To a steed in Pharaoh's chariots.
³ Or, *To the* Thy cheeks are comely with plaits *of hair*, 10
steeds Thy neck with strings of jewels.
Or, To my We will make thee plaits of gold 11
steed With studs of silver.

While the king sat at his table, 12
My spikenard sent forth its fragrance.
⁴ Or, *bag* My beloved is unto me *as* a ⁴bundle of myrrh, 13
That lieth betwixt my breasts.
⁵ Heb. *eopher*. My beloved is unto me *as* a cluster of ⁵henna- 14
flowers
In the vineyards of En-gedi.

Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art 15
fair;
⁶ Or, *Thou hast* ⁶Thine eyes are *as* doves. *doves' eyes*

Behold, thou art fair, my beloved, yea, pleasant: 16
Also our couch is green.
⁷ Or, *houses* The beams of our ⁷house are ⁸cedars, 17
⁸ Or, *of cedar* *And* our rafters are ⁹firs.
...of fir
⁹ Or, *cypresses* I am a ¹⁰rose of ¹¹Sharon, 1 2 -
¹⁰ Heb. *habazzeleth*,
the autumn
crocus.

¹¹ Or, *the* As a lily among thorns, 2
plain So is my love among the daughters.

As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, 3 7
So is my beloved among the sons.

- ¹ I sat down under his shadow with great delight,
And his fruit was sweet to my taste.
- ⁴ He brought me to the ²banqueting house,
And his banner over me was love.
- ⁵ Stay ye me with ³raisins, comfort me with apples:
For I am sick of love.
- ⁶ ⁴His left hand *is* under my head,
And his right hand doth embrace me.
- ⁷ I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
By the ⁵roes, and by the hinds of the field,
That ye stir not up, nor awaken love,
Until it please.
- ⁸ The voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh,
Leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills.
- ⁹ My beloved is like a ⁶roe or a young hart:
Behold, he standeth behind our wall,
He looketh in at the windows,
He ⁷sheweth himself through the lattice.
- ¹⁰ My beloved spake, and said unto me,
Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.
- ¹¹ For, lo, the winter is past,
The rain is over and gone ;
- ¹² The flowers appear on the earth ;
The time of the ⁸singing *of birds* is come,
And the voice of the turtle is heard in our land ;
- ¹³ The fig tree ripeneth her green figs,
And the vines are in blossom,
They give forth their fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.
- ¹⁴ O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock,
in the covert of the steep place,
Let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice ;
For sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely.

¹ Heb. *I delighted and sat down &c.*

² Heb. *house of wine.*

³ Heb. *cakes of raisins.*

⁴ Or, *Let his left hand be &c.*

⁵ Or, *gazelles*

⁶ Or, *gazelle*

⁷ Or, *glanceth through*

⁸ Or, *pruning of vines*

Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil 15
the vineyards;

For our vineyards are in blossom.

My beloved is mine, and I am his : 16

He feedeth *his flock* among the lilies.

¹ Or, *When
the day is cool*

¹ Until the day ² be cool, and the shadows flee 17
away,

² Or, *break
Heb. breathe.*

Turn, my beloved, and be thou like a ³ roe or a
young hart

³ Or, *gazelle*

Upon the ⁴ mountains of ⁵ Bethel.

⁴ Or,
*mountains of
separation*

By night on my bed I sought him whom my 1 3
soul loveth:

⁵ Perhaps,
the spice
malobathron.

I sought him, but I found him not.

I said, I will rise now, and go about the city, 2

In the streets and in the broad ways,

I will seek him whom my soul loveth:

I sought him, but I found him not.

The watchmen that go about the city found 3
me:

To whom I said, Saw ye him whom my soul
loveth?

It was but a little that I passed from them, 4

When I found him whom my soul loveth:

I held him, and would not let him go,

Until I had brought him into my mother's
house,

And into the chamber of her that conceived me.

⁶ See ch. ii. 7. ⁶ I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, 5

By the roes, and by the hinds of the field,

That ye stir not up, nor awaken love,

Until it please.

Who is this that cometh up out of the wilder- 6
ness like pillars of smoke,

Perfumed with myrrh and frankincense,

With all powders of the merchant?

Behold, it is the litter of Solomon; 7

Threescore mighty men are about it,

Of the mighty men of Israel.

- 8 They all handle the sword, *and* are expert in war:

Every man hath his sword upon his thigh,
Because of fear in the night.

- 9 King Solomon made himself a ¹palanquin
Of the wood of Lebanon.

¹ Or, *car of state*

- 10 He made the pillars thereof of silver,
The bottom thereof of gold, the seat of it of purple,

The midst thereof being ²paved with love,
From the daughters of Jerusalem.

² Or, *inlaid*

- 11 Go forth, O ye daughters of Zion, and behold
king Solomon,

With the crown wherewith his mother hath
crowned him in the day of his espousals,
And in the day of the gladness of his heart.

- 4_T1 Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair;

³Thine eyes are *as* doves behind thy ⁴veil:

³ Or, *Thou hast doves' eyes*

Thy hair is as a flock of goats,

⁴ Or, *locks*

That ⁵lie along the side of mount Gilead.

⁵ Or, *appear on mount Gilead*

- 2 Thy teeth are like a flock *of ewes* that are *newly*
shorn,

Which are come up from the washing ;

⁶Whereof every one hath twins,

⁶ Or, *Which are all of them in pairs*

And none is bereaved among them.

- 3 Thy lips are like a thread of scarlet,

And thy ⁷mouth is comely:

⁷ Or, *speech*

Thy temples are like a piece of a pomegranate
Behind thy ⁴veil.

- 4 Thy neck is like the tower of David builded ⁸for
an armoury,

⁸ Or, *with turrets*

Whereon there hang a thousand bucklers,

All the shields of the mighty men.

- 5 Thy two breasts are like two fawns that are
twins of a ⁹roe,

⁹ Or, *gazelle*

Which feed among the lilies.

¹ See ch. ii. 17. ¹ Until the day be cool, and the shadows flee 6
away,

I will get me to the mountain of myrrh,
And to the hill of frankincense.

Thou art all fair, my love ;

7 +

And there is no spot in thee.

Come with me from Lebanon, *my* bride,

8

With me from Lebanon :

² Or, *Go*

² Look from the top of Amana,

From the top of Senir and Hermon,

From the lions' dens,

From the mountains of the leopards.

³ Or, *given me courage*

Thou hast ³ ravished my heart, my sister, *my* 9
bride ;

⁴ Or, *one look from thine eyes*

Thou hast ³ ravished my heart with ⁴ one of
thine eyes,

With one chain of thy neck.

How fair is thy love, my sister, *my* bride !

10

How much better is thy love than wine !

And the smell of thine ointments than all
manner of spices !

⁵ Or, *drop honey*

Thy lips, O *my* bride, ⁵ drop *as* the honeycomb : 11

Honey and milk are under thy tongue ;

And the smell of thy garments is like the smell
of Lebanon.

⁶ Heb. *barred*.

A garden ⁶ shut up is my sister, *my* bride ;

12

⁷ Or, *according to many ancient authorities, garden*

A ⁷ spring shut up, a fountain sealed.

Thy shoots are ⁸ an orchard of pomegranates, 13
with precious fruits ;

Henna with spikenard plants,

⁸ Or, *a paradise*

Spikenard and saffron,

14

Calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frank-
incense ;

Myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices.

Thou art a fountain of gardens,

15

A well of living waters,

And flowing streams from Lebanon.

- 16 Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south;
Blow upon my garden, that the spices thereof
may flow out.
Let my beloved come into his garden,
And eat his precious fruits.

← 5 I am come into my garden, my sister, my
bride:

I have gathered my myrrh with my ¹spice;
I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey;
I have drunk my wine with my milk.

¹ Or, *balsam*

Eat, O friends;

Drink, yea, drink abundantly, ²O beloved.

² Or, *of love*

2 ³I was asleep, but my heart waked:

³ Or, *I sleep,*
but my heart
wakeeth

It is the voice of my beloved that knocketh,
saying,

Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my
⁴undefiled:

⁴ Heb. *perfect*.

For my head is filled with dew,

My locks with the drops of the night.

3 I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on?

I have washed my feet; how shall I defile
them?

4 My beloved put in his hand by the hole *of the*
door,

And my ⁵heart was moved ⁶for him.

⁵ Heb. *bowels*.

5 I rose up to open to my beloved;

And my hands dropped with myrrh,

And my fingers with liquid myrrh,

Upon the handles of the bolt.

⁶ According to
many MSS.,
within me.

6 I opened to my beloved;

But my beloved had ⁷withdrawn himself, *and*
was gone.

⁷ Or, *turned*
away

My soul ⁸had failed me when he spake:

I sought him, but I could not find him;

⁸ Heb. *went*
forth.

I called him, but he gave me no answer.
 The watchmen that go about the city found me, 7
 They smote me, they wounded me ;
 The keepers of the walls took away my ¹mantle
 from me.

¹ Or, *veil*

I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if ye 8
 find my beloved,

² Heb. *What
will ye tell
him? That
&c.*

² That ye tell him, that I am sick of love.

What is thy beloved more than *another* beloved, 9
 O thou fairest among women ?
 What is thy beloved more than *another* beloved,
 That thou dost so adjure us ?

My beloved is white and ruddy, 10 T

³ Heb. *Marked
out by a banner.*

³ The chiefest among ten thousand.

His head is *as* the most fine gold, 11

⁴ Or, *curling*

His locks are ⁴bushy, *and* black as a raven.

His eyes are like doves beside the water brooks ; 12

⁵ Or, *sitting by
full streams*

Washed with milk, *and* ⁵fitly set.

⁶ Or, *balsam*

His cheeks are as a bed of ⁶spices, *as* ⁷banks of 13
 sweet herbs :

⁷ Or, *towers of
perfumes*

His lips are *as* lilies, dropping liquid myrrh.

⁸ Or, *cylinders*

His hands are *as* ⁸rings of gold set with ⁹beryl : 14

⁹ Or, *topaz*

His body is *as* ¹⁰ivory work ¹¹overlaid *with*
 sapphires.

¹⁰ Or, *bright
ivory*

¹¹ Or,
encrusted

His legs are *as* pillars of marble, set upon 15
 sockets of fine gold :

His aspect is like Lebanon, excellent as the
 cedars.

¹² Or, *speech*
Heb. *palate.*

His ¹²mouth is most sweet : yea, he is altogether 16 T
 lovely.

This is my beloved, and this is my friend,
 O daughters of Jerusalem.

Whither is thy beloved gone, 1 6

O thou fairest among women ?

Whither hath thy beloved turned him,

That we may seek him with thee ?

- 2 My beloved is gone down to his garden, to the
beds of ¹spices,

¹ Or, *balsam*

To feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies.

- 3 ²I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine :
He feedeth *his flock* among the lilies.

² See ch. ii.
16.

- 4 Thou art beautiful, O my love, as Tirzah,
Comely as Jerusalem,
Terrible as ³an army with banners.

³ Heb. *bannered* hosts.

- 5 Turn away thine eyes from me,
For they ⁴have overcome me.

⁴ Or, *make me afraid*

⁵Thy hair is as a flock of goats,
That lie along the side of Gilead.

⁵ See ch. iv. 1.

- 6 ⁶Thy teeth are like a flock of ewes,
Which are come up from the washing ;
Whereof every one hath twins,
And none is bereaved among them.

⁶ See ch. iv. 2.

- 7 ⁷Thy temples are like a piece of a pomegranate
Behind thy veil.

⁷ See ch. iv. 3.

- 8 There are threescore queens, and fourscore
concubines,
And ⁸virgins without number.

⁸ Or, *maidens*

- 9 My dove, my ⁹undefiled, is *but* one ;
She is the only one of her mother ;
She is the ¹⁰choice one of her that bare her.
The daughters saw her, and called her blessed ;
Yea, the queens and the concubines, and they
praised her.

⁹ Heb. *perfect*.

¹⁰ Or, *pure*

- 10 Who is she that looketh forth as the morning,
Fair as the moon,

¹¹Clear as the sun,

¹¹ Or, *Pure*

¹²Terrible as an army with banners ?

¹² See ver. 4.

- 11 I went down into the garden of nuts,
To see the green plants of the valley,

To see whether the vine budded,
And the pomegranates were in flower.
 Or ever I was aware, my ¹soul ²set me 12
Among the chariots of my ³princely people.

¹ Or, *desire*
² Or, *made*
me like the
chariots of
Ammi-nadib
³ Or, *willing*
 [Ch. vii. 1 in
 Heb.]

Return, return, O Shulammite ; 13
 Return, return, that we may look upon thee.

Why will ye look upon the Shulammite,
 As upon the dance ⁴of Mahanaim ?

⁴ Or, *of two*
companies

How beautiful are thy ⁵feet in sandals, O prince's 1 7 —
 daughter !

⁵ Or, *steps*

⁶ Or, *Thy*
rounded thighs ⁶The joints of thy thighs are like jewels,
 The work of the hands of a cunning workman.
 Thy navel is *like* a round goblet, 2
Wherein no mingled wine is wanting :
 Thy belly is *like* an heap of wheat
 Set about with lilies.

⁷ See ch. iv. 5. ⁷Thy two breasts are like two fawns 3
 That are twins of a roe.
 Thy neck is like the tower of ivory ; 4
 Thine eyes *as* the pools in Heshbon, by the
 gate of Bath-rabbim ;
 Thy nose is like the tower of Lebanon
 Which looketh toward Damascus.

Thine head upon thee is like Carmel, 5
 And the hair of thine head ⁸like purple ;
 The king is held captive in the tresses *thereof*.
 How fair and how pleasant art thou, 6
 O love, for delights !

This thy stature is like to a palm tree, 7
 And thy breasts to clusters *of grapes*.
 I said, I will climb up into the palm tree, 8
 I will take hold of the branches thereof :
 Let thy breasts be as clusters of the vine,
 And the smell of thy ⁹breath like apples ;
 And thy ¹⁰mouth like the best wine, 9

⁸ Some ancient
 versions
 have, *like the*
purple of a
king, bound
&c.
⁹ Heb. *nosc.*
¹⁰ Heb. *palate.*

That goeth down ¹smoothly for my beloved,
²Gliding through the lips of those that are
 asleep.

¹ Heb. *aright*.

² Or, *Causing
the lips of those
that are asleep
to move
or speak*

- † 10 I am my beloved's,
 And his desire is toward me.
 11 Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the
 field;
 Let us lodge in the villages.
 12 Let us get up early to the vineyards;
 Let us see whether the vine hath budded, *and*
³its blossom be open,
And the pomegranates be in flower:
 There will I give thee my love.
 13 The ⁴mandrakes give forth fragrance,
 And ⁵at our doors are all manner of precious
 fruits, new and old,
 Which I have laid up for thee, O my be-
 loved.

³ Or, *the
tender grape
appear*

⁴ See Gen.

xxx. 14.

⁵ Or, *over*

- 8 1 Oh that thou wert as my brother,
 That sucked the breasts of my mother!
When I should find thee without, I would kiss
 thee;
 Yea, and none would despise me.
 2 I would lead thee, *and* bring thee into my
 mother's house,
⁶Who would instruct me;
 I would cause thee to drink of spiced wine,
 Of the ⁷juice of my pomegranate.
 3 ⁸His left hand *should be* under my head,
 And his right hand should embrace me.

⁶ Or, *That
thou mightest*

⁷ Or, *sweet
wine*

⁸ See ch. ii. 6,
7.

- † 4 I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
⁹That ye stir not up, nor awaken love,
 Until it please.

⁹ Heb. *Why
should ye stir
up? or why
d'c.*

- 5 Who is this that cometh up from the wild-
 erness,
 Leaning upon her beloved?

Under the apple tree I awakened thee :
 There thy mother was in travail with thee,
 There was she in travail ¹that brought thee
 forth.

¹ Or, *and*

Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal ⁶
 upon thine arm :

For love is strong as death ;

² Heb. *hard*.

Jealousy is ²cruel as ³the grave :

³ Heb. *Sheol*.

The flashes thereof are flashes of fire,

⁴ Or, *A most
vehement
flame*

⁴A very flame of ⁵the LORD.

Many waters cannot quench love,

7

⁵ Heb. *Jah*.

Neither can the floods drown it :

If a man would give all the substance of his
 house for love,

⁶ Or, *It*

⁶ He would utterly be contemned.

We have a little sister,

8

And she hath no breasts :

What shall we do for our sister

In the day when she shall be spoken for ?

If she be a wall,

9

⁷ Or,
battlements

We will build upon her ⁷a turret of silver :

And if she be a door,

We will inclose her with boards of cedar.

⁸ Or, *was*

I ⁸am a wall, and my breasts like the towers ¹⁰
thereof :

Then was I in his eyes as one that found
 peace.

Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-hamon ;

11

He let out the vineyard unto keepers ;

Every one for the fruit thereof was to bring a
 thousand *pieces* of silver.

My vineyard, which is mine, is before me :

12

Thou, O Solomon, shalt have the thou-
 sand,

And those that keep the fruit thereof two hundred.

- 13 Thou that dwellest in the gardens,
The companions hearken ¹for thy voice :
Cause me to hear it.

¹ Or, *to*

- 14 ²Make haste, my beloved,
And be thou like to a ³roe or to a young hart
Upon the mountains of spices.

² Heb. *Flce.*

³ Or, *gazelle*

APPENDIX.

The American Old Testament Revision Company, while recognizing the cordial acceptance given to many of their suggestions, present the following instances in which they differ from the English Company, as of sufficient importance to be appended to the Revision in accordance with the original agreement.

JOB.

- I. 1 For "eschewed" read "turned away from"
- 6 For "there was a day . . . and Satan" read "it came to pass on the day when . . . that Satan" So in ii. 1.
- 8 For "escheweth" read "turneth away from" So in ii. 3.
- 22 For "with foolishness" read "foolishly", and add marg. Or, *attributed folly to God*
- III. 4 For "regard it from above" read "from above seek for it"
- 11 For "when I" etc., read "when my mother bare me?"
- 19 For "great" read "the great"
- 24 For "roarings" read "groanings" and add marg. "Heb. *roarings*" and make corresponding change in Ps. xxii. 1; xxxii. 3.
- IV. 4 For "confirmed" read "made firm"
- 6 Read "*And the integrity of thy ways thy hope?*"
- VI. 2 Read in the 2d line "And all my calamity laid in the balances!"
- 10 Read "And be it still my consolation,
Yea, let me exult in pain that spareth not," etc.
- 3d line. Substitute the marg. ("*That*") for the text.
- 13 For "effectual working" read "wisdom" and omit marg.¹ So in xii. 16.
- 25 Read "But your reproof, what doth it reprove?"
- 26 For "imagine" read "think"
- VII. 4 Substitute marg.⁴ ("*When shall I arise, and the night be gone?*") for the text.
- 7 For "wind" read "a breath"
- 17 For "thine heart" read "thy mind"
- VIII. 17 For "heap" read "*stone-heap*"
- IX. 19 Substitute marg.¹ ("*If we speak of strength, lo, he is mighty!*") for the text.
- For "who will appoint me a time?" read "who, *saith he*, will summon me?"
- X. 22 1st line; read "The land dark as midnight;"
- 2d line; for "*A land*" read "*The land*"

- X. 22 3d line; for "darkness" read "midnight" and add marg.
Heb. *thick darkness*
- XI. 6 For "That it" read "For he"
For "effectual working" read "understanding" and omit
marg.
- XII. 4 2d line; read "I who called upon God and he answered:"
23 For "destroyeth" read "he destroyeth"
2d line; read "He enlargeth the nations, and he leadeth
them *captive*" and omit marg.²
24 For "the heart of" read "understanding from"
- XIII. 8 For "respect his person" read "show partiality to him" and
omit marg.¹
10 For "respect persons" read "show partiality" and omit
marg.⁴
11 For "excellency" read "majesty" So in xxxi. 23.
15 Read "Behold, he will slay me; I have no hope" and sub-
stitute the present text for marg.⁶
16 Substitute marg.⁹ ("*That*") for the text, substituting a comma
for the preceding semicolon.
18 For "ordered my cause" read "set my cause in order" So
in xxiii. 4.
27 For "drawest thee a line about" read "settest a bound to"
- XIV. 10 For "wasteth away" read "is laid low"
11 For "decayeth" read "wasteth"
19 For "And" read "So"
- XV. 8 For "restrain" read "limit"
11 2d line; read "Even the word that is gentle toward thee"
12 For "wink" read "flash"
27 For "made collops of fat on his flanks" read "gathered fat
upon his loins"
29 Let marg.⁶ ("*their possessions*" etc.) and the text exchange
places.
- XVII. 2 For "abideth in" read "dwelleth upon"
6 For "He hath made me also" read "But he hath made
me"
For "And I am become an open abhorring" read "And
they spit in my face" and omit marg.²
- XVIII. 12 Let marg.³ ("*at his side*") and the text exchange places.
13 Read "The members of his body shall be devoured"
- XIX. 17 For "children of my *mother's* womb" read "children of
mine own mother"
25, 26 Read
(25) "But as for me, I know that my redeemer liveth,
And at last he shall stand up upon the earth;
(26) And after my skin, *even* this *body*, is destroyed,
Then without my flesh shall I see God:"
and put the present text of ver. 26 in the marg.

- XIX. 27 For "Whom I" read "Whom I, even I,"
 Let marg.¹⁰ ("*on my side*") and the text exchange places.
 Substitute marg.¹¹ ("*as a stranger*") for the text.
- 28 Substitute marg.¹² ("*And that*") for the text.
- XXI. 14 For "Yet they said" read "And they say"
 21 Omit "in the midst"
 32 For "And shall keep" read "And men shall keep"
- XXII. 14 Substitute marg.⁸ ("*on the vault*") for the text.
- XXIV. 4 For "hide themselves together" read "all hide themselves"
 10 For "an-hungred" read "hungry"
 12 For "imputeth it not for folly" read "regardeth not the folly"
- XXVIII. 4 Omit "*that passeth by*"
 17 For "the exchange thereof be" read "it be exchanged for"
- XXIX. 6 For "rivers" read "streams" So in Ps. cxix. 136; Prov. v. 16; Is. xxxii. 2; Lam. iii. 48.
- XXXI. 2 For "of God from above" read "from God above"
 For "of the Almighty from on high" read "from the Almighty on high"
 18 For "I have been her guide" read "her have I guided"
 31 For "satisfied" read "filled" So in Ps. civ. 13.
 For "flesh" read "meat" Omit marg.⁵
- XXXII. 19 For "belly" read "breast" and omit marg.³
- XXXIV. 29 Transpose "alike" to the beginning of the line.
- XXXV. 6 1st line; for "doest" read "effectest"
- XXXVI. 18 Read "For let not wrath stir thee up against chastisements" and put the present text in the marg.
- XXXVII. 1 For "At this also" read "Yea, at this"
 2 For "Hearken ye unto" read "Hear, oh, hear"
 21 For "cleanseth" read "cleareth"
- XXXVIII. 10 For "prescribed for it my decree" read "marked out for it my bound" and omit marg.⁷
 18 For "the breadth of the earth" read "the earth in its breadth"
 20 Read "hide themselves *and become* like stone"
 41 For "food" read "prey"
- XXXIX. 5 2d line; For "wild ass" read "swift ass"
 13 For "wing . . . rejoiceth" read "wings . . . wave proudly"
 2d line, read "*But* are they the pinions and plumage of love?" with marg. to "love" Or, *a stork*
 16 Let marg.² ("*dealeth hardly with*") and the text exchange places.
 28 Read "On the cliff she dwelleth and maketh her home, Upon the point of the cliff," etc.

- XL. 15 For "with" read "as well as" and add marg. Heb. *with*
 19 For "can make his sword to approach *unto him*" read "giveth him his sword" and omit marg.³
 XLI. 12 For "comely proportion" read "goodly frame"
 18 For "neesings" read "sneezings"

THE PSALMS.

- II. 1 For "imagine" read "meditate" and omit marg.⁴ So in xxxviii. 12.
 V. 7 For "multitude" read "abundance" So in lxix. 13; Ezek. xxviii. 16; Hos. ix. 7; x. 1.
 8 For "plain" read "straight" and add marg. Or, *level*
 IX. 17 For "return to" read "be turned back unto"
 X. 14 Read "to requite it *with* thy hand" and put the present text in the marg.
 XII. 2 For "vanity" read "falsehood"
 5 For "for" read "because of" (twice)
 XVI. 2 For "I have said" read "*O my soul*, thou hast said"
 4 Substitute the marg. ("*give gifts for*") for the text.
 10 Add to marg.² "Another reading is, *holy ones*"
 XVII. 7 Restore the rendering of the Auth. Vcrs.
 9 For "spoil" read "oppress"
 15 For "with thy likeness" read "with *beholding* thy form" and omit "Heb. *form*" from marg.⁶
 XVIII. 7 For "moved" read "quaked"
 XXI. 3 For "preventest" read "meetest"
 XXII. 8 2d line; for "deliver" read "rescue"
 10 Read "Thou art my God since my mother bare me."
 16 For marg.¹ substitute "Or, *Like a lion*"
 20 Add in marg. "Or, *dear* life" So in xxxv. 17.
 XXIV. 6 Substitute marg.¹ ("*even Jacob*") for the text.
 XXVI. 4 For "vain persons" read "men of falsehood"
 XXVIII. 9 For "Feed them" read "Be their shepherd"
 XXX. 4 Read "to his holy memorial *name*" and omit marg.³ except "See Ex. iii. 15." So and with the same margin in xcvi. 12, and in Hos. xii. 5.
 5 Let marg.⁴ ("*His favour is for a life time*") and the text exchange places.
 XXXIII. 5 For "judgement" read "justice" So in lxxxix. 14; xcvi. 2; xcix. 4 (twice); Prov. i. 3; ii. 8, 9; xxi. 7, 15; Is. i. 27; v. 7; x. 2; xxviii. 17; xxxii. 1, 16; xxxiii. 5; lix. 8, 9, 11, 14, 15; lxi. 8; Jer. iv. 2; ix. 24.

- XXXV. 15 For "when I halted" read "in mine adversity" and add marg. Heb. *my limping*
- XXXVII. 3 Read "feed on *his* faithfulness" and put in marg. "Or, *verily thou shalt be fed*"
- 20 Let the marg. ("*the fat of lambs*") and the text exchange places.
- 37 Read "there is a *happy* end to the man of peace" and omit marg. ³
- 38 For "The latter end" read "The end"
- XXXVIII. 8 For "roared" read "groaned" and add marg. Heb. *roared*
- 17 For "halt" read "fall" So for "halting" in Jer. xx. 10.
- XL. 6 Substitute marg. ⁶ ("*falsehood*") for the text.
- XLII. 5 For "health" read "help" So in ver. 11 and in xliii. 5.
- XLIV. 2 Read "but them thou didst plant;" "but them thou didst spread abroad." Omit marg. ¹
- XLVII. 4 For "excellency" read "glory"
- XLIX. 8 For "soul" read "life"
- For "And must be let alone" read "And it faileth"
- 10 For "together" read "alike"
- 12 Substitute the marg. ("*being in honour abideth not*") for the text.
- L. 23 For "conversation" read "way"
- LI. 11 For "spirit" read "Spirit"
- 12 Substitute marg. ³ ("*willing*") for the text.
- LII. 9 For "wait on" read "hope in"
- LVI. 4 Read "In God, (I will praise his word)," So in ver. 10.
- 10 2d line; read "In Jehovah, (I will praise his word),"
- LVIII. 2 For "Yea" read "Nay"
- 9 For marg. on "He shall take" substitute Or, *Wrath shall take them away while living as with a whirlwind*
- LIX. 9 Read "*Because of his* strength"
- 10 Read "My God with his lovingkindness shall meet me"
- LXII. 1 For "only upon God" read "in silence for God only" So in ver. 5.
- 3 For "bowing" read "leaning"
- 4 For "excellency" read "dignity"
- LXIII. 1 For "early" read "earnestly" and omit marg. ⁴ So in Is. xxvi. 9.
- LXV. 3 For "purge them away" read "forgive them" and add marg. "Or, *expiate*" So in lxxix. 9 read "forgive our sins" with the same marg.
- 4 For "The holy place of thy temple" read "Thy holy temple"
- LXVII. 2 For "saving health" read "salvation"

- LXVIII. 1 Add marg. to "Let God arise" "Or, *God ariseth*: and so throughout verses 1, 2, 3."
 8 For "*Even* yon Sinai" read "That Sinai"
 13 Read "When ye lie among the sheepfolds, *It is as the wings*" etc., and substitute the present text for marg.³
 18 For "led *thy* captivity captive" read "led away captives"
 20 Read "belongeth escape from death"
 23 Read "That thou mayest crush *them, dipping*"
 33 For "heavens of heavens" read "heaven of heavens"
- LXXIII. 10 For "wrung out" read "drained" and omit marg.⁹
 27 For "from thee" read "*departing* from thee"
- LXXIV. 6 Omit "together"
- LXXV. 8 For "wring them out" read "drain them" and omit marg.⁵
- LXXVI. 5 For "spoiled" read "become a spoil"
- LXXVII. 10 Marg.¹ For "*That the*" read "*This is my grief that the*"
- LXXIX. 8 For "prevent" read "meet"
- LXXXIX. 37 Omit all after "*for ever*" in marg.⁵
- XC. 9 Substitute "sigh" from marg.⁴ for "tale *that is told*"
 17 For "beauty" read "favour" and put the present text in the margin.
- XCII. 13 Read "They are . . . Jehovah;" and for "Shall" read "They shall"
- XCIII. 1 For "apparelled" read "clothed" (twice) and read in the second line, "Jehovah is clothed with strength; he hath girded himself therewith"
- XCVII. 5 For "hills" read "mountains"
- CII. 12 For "memorial" read "memorial *name*" and add marg. "See Ex. iii. 15." So in cxxxv. 13.
- CIII. 5 For "mouth" read "desire"
- CIV. 4 2nd line; read "Flames of fire his ministers:"
 8 Read "(The mountains rose, the valleys sank;)" substituting the present text for marg.³
 16 For "satisfied" read "filled *with moisture*" and omit marg.⁵
 25 For "Yonder" read "There"
- CV. 34 For "cankerworm" read "grasshopper"
- CVII. 30 Read "their desired haven." and omit marg.²
- CX. 2 Add marg. to "rod" Or, *sceptre*
 3 Read "in the day of thy power, in holy attire; out of the womb" etc. and omit marg.⁴ and marg.⁶
- CXI. 10 For "thereafter" read "*his commandments*"
- CXVI. 1 For "hath heard" read "heareth"
- CXIX. 38 For "thy word unto thy servant" read "unto thy servant thy word"
 For "*belongeth*" read "*is in order*"

- CXIX. 121 For "judgement and justice" read "justice and righteousness"
 147, 148 For "prevented" read "anticipated"
 158 Omit "dealers"
- CXXII. 4 For "a testimony unto Israel" read "an ordinance for Israel" and add marg. Heb. *testimony*
- CXXXVI. 1 Substitute marg.¹ ("brought back" etc.) for the text.
- CXXX. 6 For "*looketh*" read "*waileth*"
 2nd line; for "watchmen *look*" read "watchmen *wait*"
- CXXXV. 4 For "his peculiar treasure" read "his own possession"
- CXXXIX. 13 For "hast possessed" read "didst form" and omit marg.⁴
 For "hast covered" read "didst cover"
 16 For "unperfect" read "unformed"
 22 For "I count them" read "They are become"
- CXLIII. 2 Read "no man living is righteous."
- CXLIV. 7 For "strangers" read "aliens" So in ver. 11.
 8 For "vanity" read "deceit" So in ver. 11.

THE PROVERBS.

- IV. 7 For "thou hast gotten" read "thy getting" and put the present text in the marg.
 18 For "shining" read "dawning" and omit marg.¹
- VII. 9 For "blackness of night and the" read "middle of the night and in the"
 22 For "as fetters" read "as *one in* fetters" Omit marg.¹
- IX. 7 For "shame" read "reviling"
- X. 7 For "just" read "righteous" So in xx. 7.
- XI. 16 For "retaineth . . . retain" read "obtaineth . . . obtain"
- XIX. 22 Substitute marg.² ("*That which maketh a man to be desired is his kindness*") for the text.
 26 For "spoil" read "despoileth"
- XX. 20 For "the blackest darkness" read "blackness of darkness"
- XXI. 28 Substitute marg.³ ("*so as to endure*") for the text.
- XXII. 13 Substitute the marg. ("*slain*") for the text.
- XXIII. 7 For "reckoneth" read "thinketh"
 32 Omit marg.¹ "Or, *a basilisk*"
- XXIV. 15 For "Spoil" read "Despoil" So Jer. xlvii. 4.
- XXV. 11 For "baskets" read "network" and omit marg.
- XXVI. 8 Read "As one that bindeth a stone in a sling"
- XXVII. 4 For "outrageous" read "overwhelming"

XXIX. 21 Omit marg. to "a son"

XXXI. 29 For "virtuously" read "worthily"

30 For "Favour" read "Grace"

ECCLESIASTES.

- I. 1 Omit "Or, *the great orator*" from marg.¹
- II. 8 Let the former part of marg.¹ and the text exchange places, and omit the remainder of the marg.
- III. 11 Let marg.¹ ("*eternity*") and the text exchange places.
- 19 Omit marg. "Or, *the sons of men are*" etc.
- V. 7 Read "For in the multitude of dreams there are vanities, and in many words:" from margin.
- VI. 10 For "that it is man" read "what man is"
- VII. 15 For "the days of my vanity" read "my days of vanity"
- X. 1 For "a stinking savour" read "an evil odour"
- XI. 10 For "prime" read "dawn"
- XII. 1 For "or ever" read "while" So in verses 2 and 6.
For "come, and" read "come not, nor"
- 2 Read "the sun is not darkened, nor the light, nor the moon, nor the stars, and . . . return not"
- 5 Let marg.⁵ ("*desire*") and the text exchange places.
- 6 Read "is not loosed, nor . . . nor . . . nor" etc. and for "be broken" read "broken" (twice)

THE SONG OF SONGS.

- II. 7 For "love" read "*my love*" and for "it" read "he" with marg.
Or, *it Or, she* So in iii. 5, and viii. 4.
- V. 3 For "coat" read "garment"
- VI. 4 For "Terrible" read "Overpowering" and put the present text in the margin. So in ver. 10.
- VII. 1 For "The joints of thy" read "Thy rounded" from margin.
- 2 For "navel" read "body"
- For "belly" read "waist"
- 7 For "clusters of *grapes*." read "its clusters."

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